

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
APRIL 15, 2022
MINUTES

PRESENT: W. Cleaves, Chair; J. Kelliher; C. Rasmussen; F. Vahid; E. Wong; Q. Wang; W. Zhang; E. Engelschall, Ex-Officio

ABSENT: B. Alba, ASUCR Student Rep.

GUESTS: S. Heil, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research

Chair Wallace Cleaves called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

The Chair congratulated Emily Engelschall on her new position of Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Services. AVC Engelschall then introduced the interim Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Alex Ruiz, and noted that a formal search will take place.

The Committee approved the minutes from the March 18, 2022, meeting.

The Chair provided the Committee with an update from the April 1, 2022, meeting of BOARS. Chair Cleaves noted that the ELWR taskforce report was released, the overall finding was positive, and it is a tool to help students progress. BOARS discussed the transfer report and noted there is pressure to increase the ratio up from 2:1. BOARS also discussed geographic location consideration for admissions and noted that it's important for minority students and students who are disadvantaged. Thinking of ways to add geographic criteria to the already existing 13 criteria for admissions and would like to collect data to compare yield rates based on location. BOARS discussed adding more student representatives to Senate committees. Academic integrity concerns are still on the rise. It was noted to focus more on learning not punishing the students. An Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Integrity is being formed. BOARS discussed the ethnic studies requirement and next steps. BOARS also discussed the Academic Council Special Committee on Transfer Issues (ACSCOTI). The Academic Council Special Committee on Transfer Issues is established by the Academic Council in March 2022 in accordance with Bylaw 125.B.13. ACSCOTI's charge is to provide Council with expertise on student transfer to UC, primarily for California Community College (CCC) students seeking entry to and success in graduating from the University. BOARS also discussed AB 928: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021: Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee. Both UC and CSU to have similar pathways for IGETC. There is a set of courses taken at a community college that can be used as breadth requirements when transferred to UC. Chair Cleaves noted that he shared the committee's results on Holistic Review with BOARS. Most UC representatives agreed and were encouraging for UCR not to change their admissions if what currently in place is working.

The committee reviewed the Proposed Catalog Change(s) Updates to the International Baccalaureate/Advanced Placement Credit Pages for 2022-2023 AY and were supportive of the proposal.

The committee reviewed the Proposed Change to Chemistry's Undergraduate Major's Admissions Requirements and were supportive of the change.

Interim AVC Engelschall noted that Highlander Day, held on April 9, 2022, was a huge success and over 7,000 students and families attended. There were areas where students were able to sign their statement of intent to register at the event. AVC Engelschall also noted that UCR has a robust waitlist and currently have about 5,500 students who have enlisted on the waitlist. AVC Engelschall also noted that in order to create a more streamlined and transparent process for both UCR students and Academic Advisors, there is a proposal, developed by Undergraduate Admissions, to centralize articulation. ASSIST.org is a databased that can check to see if and how any California Community course articulates to a similar UC course.

Interim AVC Engelschall and Scott Heil, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research, updated the committee on Holistic Review. The Undergraduate Admissions committee has decided to keep the door open on Holistic Review and encourage more experimentation with the data. At an upcoming meeting, AVC Engelschall will present a suggested path forward for implementing holistic review on future application pools for data collection only, not for informing admission decisions for the particular applicant pool being read. AVC Engelschall noted that it would have cost UCR \$450,000 to holistically review all 1st year applications (54,000 apps), and it would cost about \$20,000 to holistically review 5,000 applications.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:00PM.

Approved: May 20, 2022

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