

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
MAY 16, 2025
MINUTES

PRESENT: P. Sadler, Chair; E. Berger; W. Chen; K. Huffman-Neal; M. Sridharan; S. Venkatadriagaram; E. Engelschall, Ex-Officio

ABSENT: A. Sood ; M. Tuifua (ASUCR Rep.)

GUESTS: S. Heil, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research
V. Zendejas, Director of Undergraduate Admissions

Chair Peter Sadler called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Chair Sadler noted that he attended the Executive Council meeting and the survey results on the academic calendar were reviewed. Not many faculty were in favor of moving from quarters to semesters. UCR Senate Chair Barish will send the campus response to systemwide.

The Committee approved the minutes of the March 21, 2025, meeting.

The Committee reviewed the Campus Review - Proposed Initiative for UCR 2030: Increase the enrollment of California resident undergraduates. The committee was supportive of the initiative but notes that there will be challenges with staffing and classroom space.

Sundar Venkatadriagaram provided the Committee with an update from April 4, 2025, and May 2, 2025, meetings of BOARS. It was noted that the Academic Assembly met in April and discussed the A-G ethnic studies proposal, which was postponed from the last regular Assembly meeting in December 2024. Assembly members voted on the proposal: it failed to advance. This outcome means the Academic Senate no longer has an active proposal under consideration to introduce a new A-G ethnic studies subject requirement for UC undergraduate admissions. It was also noted that the Academic Council met and discussed the sunseting of the University Committee on Preparatory Education and noted that there needs to be a broader scope on math. BOARS then had discussions on UC Eligibility and a proposal to simplify Biology pathways. BOARS also reviewed a research study on how students' A-G GPA correlates to their performance in college.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the UC Eligibility Areas Proposal from BOARS. Sundar Venkatadriagaram will provide BOARS with the committee's feedback.

AVC Engelschall and UA Director Zendejas Admissions Director Zendejas then gave an update on enrollment and noted that the first-year admission SIRs for both CA and non-resident students are up from last year. The Admissions office is currently working on strategies to increase growth for Fall 2026. And it was noted that Highlander Day had a great turnout. A member asked if there has been an increase in non-traditional students. It was noted that there has been an increase in international students and students in dual enrollment.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:02AM.

Approved: June 16, 2025

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