


February 25, 2019

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: David Volz, Chair   
Committee on Undergraduate Admissions

Re: Proposed UC Transfer Admission Guarantee

The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions reviewed the proposed UC Transfer Admissions Guarantee at their February 13, 2019 meeting.

As BOARS' proposal for a systemwide transfer guarantee requires that applicants complete course requirements for a Transfer Pathway major or applicable major, the Committee noted concern that competitive transfer applicants interested in non-Transfer Pathway majors will be disadvantaged, as they will not be eligible for a systemwide guarantee simply based on their preferred major. Therefore, while the Committee was supportive and commends BOARS' overall proposal, the Committee strongly recommends that, over the next two years, UCOP continues to work with all nine undergraduate campuses to aggressively add new Transfer Pathways and applicable majors, with the ultimate goal of 100% coverage of undergraduate majors across the entire UC System by Fall 2021. While incoming CCC students for Fall 2019 and Fall 2020 will not be able to take advantage of these new Transfer Pathways, this will ensure that incoming CCC students for Fall 2021 can complete Transfer Pathway requirements for any major available within the UC System – a goal that better aligns with the spirit and intent of the April 2018 MOU between CCC Chancellor Oakley and UC President Napolitano.

The Committee was supportive of BOARS' proposal to build upon existing campus-level Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGs) offered at six out of nine undergraduate campuses. However, the Committee expressed serious concerns that, despite BOARS' request for campus-level autonomy as part of their proposal, UCOP may exert undue pressure and potentially force these six campuses to align their own TAG requirements with UC Transfer Pathway requirements. For students seeking a campus-level TAG that are not eligible for the systemwide guarantee (i.e., those that have a GPA < 3.5), alignment of TAG requirements with Transfer Pathway requirements may have a negative impact on the number of TAG applications at these six campuses, as 1) the course requirements for a Transfer Pathway major may, in some cases, be more restrictive than course requirements for a corresponding TAG major; and 2) there are a number of majors (e.g., music, art history, environmental sciences, etc.) that are TAG-eligible but not included within the list of Transfer Pathway majors or applicable majors. As a result, if all six campuses are forced to align TAG requirements with Transfer Pathway requirements, there will inevitably be a pool of TAG-eligible transfer applicants that will not be able to TAG to a campus if 1) their course requirements do not align with a Transfer Pathway and 2) their preferred major is not included within the list of Transfer Pathway majors and applicable majors.