

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE (AFAC)
ANNUAL REPORT
AY 2024-2025

To the Merced Division of the Academic Senate:

In AY 2024-2025, AFAC held a total of 7 regularly scheduled meetings via zoom, as well as conducted some business via email with respect to its duties as outlined in UC Merced's [Senate Bylaw II.IV.2](#).

Areas of focus this year are described below.

Campus Review Items

AFAC reviewed and commented on the following proposals:

- Renaming of University Extension (9/23)
- Anthropology and Heritage Studies Graduate Program Proposal (10/1)
- Electrical Engineering Minor Proposal (11/22)
- Accounting B.S. and Minor Proposal (4/2)
- Business Administration B.A. and Minor Proposal (4/2)
- Liberal Studies B.A. Proposal (4/2)

AFAC focused on how new majors/minors would increase enrollment numbers at UC Merced and the allocation of Advancing Campus Evolution (ACE) funding from the Chancellor and EVC/Provost for the addition of new resourcing of faculty and staff lines.

Systemwide Review Items

AFAC reviewed and commented on:

- Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulation 479 (Cal-GETC) (10/25)

Other Correspondence

AFAC took the following actions on the following items:

- Transmitted a memo to Department Chairs regarding Transfer Selection Criteria Submission Deadlines (9/16).
- Approved changes to the Applied Math and the Data Science & Computing Transfer Selection Criteria (9/27).
- Reviewed and approved eight A by E reports and five Exceptional Case Reviews.
- Offered comments on systemwide Academic Council's request to the Divisions regarding Implementation of Public Law 117-328 (Incomplete Grading Policy) (12/19).

Guest Consultations

AFAC was joined by the following guests:

- Director of Medical Education Margo Vener joined the October 25 AFAC meeting to provide an update on Medical Education.
- Research Analyst Corinne Townsend joined the October 25 AFAC meeting to discuss data related to students switching between academic degree programs.
- University Committee on Academic Computing and Communications (UCACC) member Lisa Yeo joined the May 14 AFAC meeting to discuss her involvement in the Academic Senate Artificial Intelligence (AI) Workgroup.

AFAC members also received regular updates from Admissions Director Noji, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Hagg, and Director of Financial Aid & Scholarships Nardello on a range of topics, including non-resident student admissions, retention, recruitment, transfer students and Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG), enrollment, financial aid, and more.

Respectfully submitted,

AFAC members:

Mike Cleary (SNS), Chair, BOARS Representative

Joel Spencer (SoE), Vice-Chair

Sapana Doshi (SSHA)

Kevin Dawson (SSHA)

Christina Baker (SSHA)

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Jason Lee (SSHA)

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Ex officio, non-voting members:

Dustin Noji, Director, Admissions and Outreach

Heather Nardello, Director, Financial Aid & Scholarships

Scott Hagg, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management

Staff:

Melanie Snyder, Senate Senior Analyst