Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (AFAC)

Agenda Wednesday, August 31, 2022 9:00am - 9:55am Library 360

- I. Welcome and Introductions Chair Eaton 9:00am 9:05am
- II. Chair's Report Chair Eaton 9:05am 9:08am
 - A. Update on the August 21 and 22 Governance Retreat including student debt reduction goals.
 - B. BOARS Representation
- III. Consent Calendar Chair Eaton 9:08am 9:10am
 - A. The Agenda
- IV. AFAC Resources Chair Eaton and Melanie Snyder 9:10am 9:15am
 - A. Senate website
 - B. AFAC website and Box site
 - C. Meeting Schedule
 - D. Senate Policies and Procedures
 - E. Divisional Bylaws and Regulations
 - F. Systemwide Bylaws and Regulations
 - G. Principles to Guide the Practice of Executive Session
 - H. Consultation guidelines
 - I. Distributing work on AFAC
 All campus and systemwide review items will be posted on AFAC Box folder and
 on the Senate website, here: https://senate.ucmerced.edu/review-items. Review
 items will be assigned one AFAC reviewer before each scheduled meeting.
- V. Report from the Office of Admissions Dustin Noji and Ruben Lubers 9:15am 9:25am
 - A. Fall 2022 Admission by Exception (A by E) Review

Video Tutorial for Extreme and Unusual Cases https://ucmerced.box.com/s/0wkavwsgzl8tqkf8age5ftb3z5n6gqll

A few additional important notes:

- Per our conflict of interest policy and the UC admissions audit, if committee members finds that they are reviewing a file where there may be a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest, which includes, an applicant who is a family member, an acquaintance, or sibling or child of a faculty or staff member they know and interact with, they should refer that file to another member of the AFAC committee.
- Please note, that is it prohibited to consider a student's familial or other personal relationships with university staff or faculty in an admissions decision.
- Committee members should not disclose an individual applicant's decision without permission from the Director of Admissions and report any attempt to influence an admissions decision regardless of source to the Director of Admissions or the Locally Designated Official via the whistleblower hotline.

B. Review and approval of A by E Report

The report includes cases that were found during the verification process. Approval of these cases will help the Admissions Office process the students' admissions and enroll them for the Fall semester.

Requested Action: AFAC to vote on the A by E Report. AFAC Analyst will transmit AFAC's decision to Director Noji.

- VI. <u>AFAC Goals and Priorities for AY 22-23</u> Chair Eaton 9:25am 9:50am Guest President of Associated Students of UC Merced (ASUCM) Corbin Farias is joining today's discussion. Members discuss the committee's goals for this academic year and propose additional goals.
- VII. Any Other Business 9:50am 9:55am
- **VIII. Informational Items** will be regularly uploaded on the "Informational Items" AFAC Box Folder here.
 - A. Enrollment Updates
 - B. AFAC AY 21-22 Annual Report