

Admissions and Financial Aid Subcommittee
Minutes
Monday, December 10, 2018
3:00-4:10pm
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I. Chair's Report – Catherine Keske

A. BOARS Update (12/7)

BOARS is developing a model for the transfer admission guarantee. The topic was discussed with Systemwide Chair May. There are some concerns about the proposal (effective Fall 2019) and how it may negatively impact the faculty. The agreement will be released in the next few days. Local UCM concerns include:

- i. Confusion, from the perspective of students, parents and counselors, and some Admissions officials/professionals.
- ii. Lack of clarity regarding potential implications for our campus.
- iii. What opportunities may present themselves through this arrangement?
- iv. Is TAG a selection, admissions, or marketing tool?
- v. The implementation mechanism is not clear.
- vi. Decisions regarding the use of TAGs will need to be addressed at the departmental level. Faculty will have to decide, with input from admissions, how to actively and strategically think about enrollment in their respective programs.
- vii. A suggestion was made to hold a campus wide department chairs meeting/retreat to see how to address the TAG program for the various majors. For example, this program could be used as a strategy for under-enrolled programs or as a tool for impacted majors. There is no unified campus wide mechanism at the moment.
- viii. TAGs are identified in the UC application process and are due in September. UC applications are due in November. The deadlines have passed so it is not clear how the TAG process will interface with the admissions processes in general and it is not clear if a roll out in Fall 2019 will be possible.

Action: Members will discuss at the next AFAS meeting:

- How this process can be linked to the Provost's Strategic Enrollment initiative.
- What does it mean to have a TAG at UCM?
- Implementation of the new TAG process.

Action: Members are encouraged to send any additional thoughts on this topic to Chair Keske.

It was noted that 230 000 applicants applied at the UC and 11 000 applied within the last hour.

A UCLA faculty member filed a lawsuit against the Board of Regents. The suit cites Proposition 209, which prohibits public agencies, including the Regents, from considering race, sex, ethnicity or national origin when evaluating applicants for admission. Admissions have been asked not to destroy any student records.

The discussion of the role of standardized testing – and whether it should be used in the admission process is an ongoing topic at BOARS.

Action: Faculty who serve on the UCM Standardized Testing Task Force will be invited to attend a future AFAS meeting, once the data about standardized testing is released. Members are encouraged to let Chair Keske know if they are interested in specific key metrics. The following preliminary suggestions were made:

- What is considered a good test score? What is the threshold?
- Are we considering becoming a test-optional campus, like other campuses?
- Will we still require the students to submit their test scores?

- How do we handle students who are home schooled and may not have access to the required curricula?
- If we were to reduce the weight that we apply to the SAT, how would this impact the distribution of admitted students in the state of CA to the UCs? Would some student populations have better opportunities at other campuses if these test scores are not considered?
- What implications would this have on predictors of success?
- A large number of low test scores are based on native English speakers who don't have the test preparations to test highly on SAT. Motivation is a higher success factor, rather than a particular test score.
- UCM would be more supportive of a test option rather than the elimination of tests.
- If we require standardized testing, do we want continue to require the writing in the Essay section? Among BOARS members, there was some support for keeping the writing component.

Next steps:

- Data regarding standardized testing will be presented at BOARS in early spring.
- Admissions staff will provide the Chair with a pros and cons list of using (or not using) SATs. This list will be used as a foundation for discussion at a future BOARS meeting.
- Office of Admissions will reach out to IRDS and request data for various scenarios related to the use of SATs.

Actions:

- Follow-up on this item after the January BOARS.
- This topic will be discussed at a future AFAS meeting.

B. UGC 11/8 Updates:

- UGC discussed the discontinuation of Chemical Sciences emphasis. AD Paul will work with the Registrar to explore ways to revise the Catalog review process.
- The Principles to guide the use of Executive Session were approved by UGC members.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the Agenda.

Director Chon requested the addition of the following items.

- a) Brief discussion of the upcoming UC Admissions Directors. The meeting is scheduled for January 14 and 15 in the CA Room. Director Chon hopes AFAS Chair/BOARS Representative Keske will be able to attend this meeting. Discussion items will include:
 - Shared governance
 - Admissions Directors interaction with their respective BOARS representatives
- b) Admissions is interested in discussing a proposal to enroll Transfer students as Undeclared (not associated with a particular School), specifically, what is the protocol for determining undeclared/undecided lower division Transfers. As UCM moves towards a 2:1 ratio, how do we make sure these students receive good advising?
This may be a good topic to discuss at UGC, in consultation with the VPDUE.

B. The minutes from the November 5 meeting will be reviewed electronically.

III. School of Engineering Computer Requirements Updates

Chair Keske thanked Director Radney for his help exploring existing policies.

The proposal will be considered by the faculty in SOE within the next two months.