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Re: Targeted Systemwide Review: BOARS Transfer Policy Revision Proposal

The proposal was forwarded to all Davis Division of the Academic Senate standing committees and Faculty Executive Committees within the schools and colleges for comment. Detailed responses were received from the Committees on Admissions and Enrollment and Undergraduate Council. In addition, the Faculty Executive Committee from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences commented.

There were several issues raised that the Davis Division would like BOARS to consider:

- Selecting students most likely to graduate in two years would seem to represent a new objective of the transfer admissions process.
- Although the proposal states that no applicant would be guaranteed admission under the new policy, it seems that applicants would be given the impression of a strong likelihood of admission if major-preparation requirements are met and that there would therefore be an implied guarantee of admission for some.
- The proposal offers the potential of bridging the resource gap between four-year institutions and community colleges. This is a positive attribute of the proposal. There is concern about whether faculty involvement would be sufficient for development of the UC Transfer Curricula. We are concerned that faculty effort devoted to this activity may be limited due to constraints by other ongoing teaching, research and outreach activities.
- Emphasis on major preparation may be problematic with declining course availability at community colleges (resulting potentially in fewer who are deemed qualified to transfer).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda F. Bisson".

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