Request for Consultation Responses

Targeted Systemwide Review: BOARS Transfer Policy Revision Proposal

November 21, 2011

The enclosed draft revision of a BOARS (Board on Admissions and Relations with Schools) is provided for "targeted review." Targeted review provides a means by which a UC Academic Senate may seek comments from specific divisional standing committees. The UC Academic Senate Committee (BOARS) will consider the comments submitted, and will likely revise the policy. This policy will be resubmitted for formal UC Academic Senate review later this year. PLEASE: Submit comments via the RFC module. The Senate Office will submit the comments as is to BOARS by the deadline.
No response at this time.
Admissions & Enrollment

November 21, 2011 9:56 PM

Here is a summary of the comments and concerns about the transfer proposal expressed at the A&E meeting on Friday, November 18.

1. Selecting students most likely to graduate in two years would seem to represent a new objective of the transfer admissions process.

2. 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.

3. The proposal offers the potential of bridging the resource gap between 4-year institutions and CCs. This is a positive attribute of the proposal.

4. There is concern about whether faculty involvement would be sufficient for development of the UC Transfer Curricula

5. Emphasis on major prep may be problematic with declining course availability at CCs (resulting potentially in fewer who are deemed qualified to transfer)
While there are several positive attributes to the proposal, faculty will need to develop 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.
Elections, Rules & Jurisdiction

November 3, 2011 9:47 AM

No response at this time.
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Undergraduate Council

December 6, 2011 8:46 AM

Undergraduate Council (UGC) has reviewed the BOARS Transfer Policy Revision Proposal. UGC agrees with the concern of the systemwide University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) about the difficulty many students have in completing basic writing preparation for transferring to UC. UGC suggests that UC Davis develop campus-based standards for transfer, independent of department-based major requirements.