

BUSHFA (Board of Undergraduate Scholarship, Honors & Financial Aids)

LAUC-I Academic Senate Non-voting Representative

2017-2018 Report

Submitted to General Membership: 8/18/2018

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Council/Committee Charge:

1. Recommend to the President, through the Chancellor, the awarding of scholarships according to the terms of the various conditions set forth and subject to such other conditions as the Divisional Senate Assembly may prescribe.
2. Make recommendations to the President through the Chancellor, to the Irvine Division, or to the Academic Senate, or to the Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs regarding the policies of the University on scholarships, honors, and financial aids.

Link to Council/Committee Website:

<http://senate.uci.edu/committees/committees/undergraduate-scholarships-honors-financial-aids-board-on-bushfa/>

Frequency of Meetings: 4 times a year (usually less so during the summer quarter)

Major Activities:

1. Reports from Online Restricted Scholarships 2017-2018

Assigned faculty reviewers to subcommittees to review and select recipients for the scholarships. Discussed Restricted Scholarship Application Review Process for 2018-19. There are currently 3,000 applications.

2. Reports from Campus wide Honors Program

Discussion of expansion of CHP and number of freshmen enrolling in 2019 CHP. This year CHP is launching a new track in the curriculum named Sustainable Societies which will provide a greater variety of honors courses for students to choose from. CHP currently has about 850 students and is continuing to grow (the last few years the number of students was around 750 students).

3. Reports from UCI Financial Aid Office

The Office of Financial Aid offers an opportunity grant (from the Office of the President) which provides two year funding to undocumented students (priority is given to nonDACA students who are unable to work). For 2016-17 the grant was offered as a straight scholarship but for the 2017-18 goal there is a desire to make the grant more geared towards student experience. The program has been funded through UCOP, but 2018 is its last year of funding.

There were approximately 100,000 FAFSA applications for 2018-19. On February 20th, financial aid information and admits will go out to Honors students. Other admits will go out in April, and transfer admits in May.

4. Reports from Scholarship Opportunities Program

Members were informed that the SOP assists undergraduate students and recent graduates with the application process for 15 prestigious merit national/international scholarships. The list of awardees for 2017-18 was circulated. There was a total of 24 winners. Pre-application advising for the 2018-19 cycle of scholarship has begun. This program involves awards that require campus endorsements, and students are advised on application submissions and interview skills. There are currently 50 applicants.

5. Review of 2016-17 UCI Departmental Latin Honors

Questions regarding awarding honors and the percentage changes that took place in 2017.