

CUARS (Council on Undergraduate Admissions & Relations with Schools)

Report to LAUC-I

2017/2018 Academic Year

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BACKGROUND

The focus this year has been on evaluating CUARS' role in ensuring incidents like those that occurred last summer do not occur again. To date the committee has focused on collecting information and now sees its goal as moving towards more of an active role in implementing policy, providing advice, and providing consultation.

ADMISSIONS SITUATION LAST SUMMER

UCI came under fire for rescinding offers of admission to almost 500 students 290 of them for transcript issues and the rest for poor senior-year grades. Overall, about 7,100 of the 31,103 freshmen offered admission to UCI. That amounts to 850 more students than UC Irvine's planned freshman class of 6,250.

Campus response

- All student welcomed to UCI.
- President Napolitano convened a group to address the verification processes for student applicants at all campuses as a result of the issues that occurred over summer
- Since this summer developed a whole new set of communications, and will be putting into practice a "you have two weeks to submit materials or else your admission will be rescinded"
- UCI planning to admit fewer freshman and California residents students next year (UCI took in 4,420 freshmen last year and 4,540 this year, but are planning to return to 4,420)

ADMISSIONS UPDATE

- The total number of applications to UCI has increased by nearly 34,000 over the past five years (82,450 in 2013-14 vs. **116,413 in 2017-18**).
- UCI is **the 3rd overall most competitive UC** (behind UCLA and UCSD; this year UCSD is less than 300 applications ahead of UCI).
- UCI is **2nd in the system for California Resident freshmen applicants** (and the GPA average of this group increased from 3.73 to 3.76)
- Applicant **GPA's have increased** by +.10 (3.67 in 2013-14 vs. **3.77 in 2017-18**) and **SAT scores have increased** by +25 (1703 in 2013-14 vs. **1728 in 2017-18**)
- While first generation college applicants and low-income applicants have trended slightly down

UPCOMING

CUARS continues to discuss the impacts of enrollment growth on specific departments and majors (giving special attention to international student growth and President Napolitano's transfer guarantee 2:1), and will begin drafting a list of data to collect for considering admissions policy changes.

REPORT ADDITIONAL NOTES

Internal Audit results

UCI will be getting rid of the Academic Credit Review (ACR) to align with the other competitive UC's (formerly under ACR, students who held a 3.0 weighted GPA and had met the A-G curricular requirements were entitled to a review) • The new student information system is almost ready to "go live" (the goal is to have it out by this fall) • The average admit rate last year was 4.07 GPA • UCI has received yet another record number of applicants • Per UCI's Office of Institutional Research, there was an increase in transfer students and in particular majors (i.e. business admin, computer sciences, etc.). The admit rate California residents was 33%

More on 2017/18 Admission Issue

- Admissions does not take electronic transcripts. All grades are entirely self-reported until after admissions during the summer when students are required to submit their transcripts
- Students are given a grace period for submitting materials.
- students have access to a to do list of items they need to submit, that they get reminders through an individual portal, which lists what they need to do and contains all communications that have been initiated by both the student and university.
- 2-3% of students who submit a statement of intent to register don't actually show up
- Anteater Leadership Academy was created this summer, in part, in response to the enrollments. She described the ALA as an effort to see if the campus could get students to try a different path their freshman year. The hope initially was that perhaps 300 students would participate. The ALA offers small classes and has leadership component. Students in the ALA would be Division of Continuing Education (Extension) students; they would not be considered matriculated students as a result wouldn't count in our admissions numbers. Because they're not officially matriculated, they don't get housing or financial aid-the tuition is 50%; about 100 students have chosen to enroll in the Anteater Leadership Academy.
- 2:1 ratio required for funding freshman to transfer ratio
- Average GPA of admitted freshmen is 4.13