

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council on Enrollment Management and Admissions (CEMA)</b> <b>LAUC-I Academic Senate Representative</b> <b>2022-2023 Report</b></p>
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**Submitted to General Membership:** August 31, 2023

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**Council/Committee Name (acronym):** Council on Enrollment Management and Admissions (CEMA)

**Council/Committee Charge:**

1. Make recommendations and approve policies on admissions, enrollments, enrollment management, and relations with schools to the administration and to the Academic Senate.
2. Monitor outreach programs directed toward academic enrichment of the campus through a diverse student body.
3. Make suggestions for and approve annual reader training for application readers.
4. Maintain liaison with the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools.

**Link to Council/Committee Website:** <https://senate.uci.edu/committees/councils/council-on-enrollment-management-and-admissions-cema/>

**Frequency of Meetings:**

Once a month throughout the academic year (October 2022 – June 2023). While the average length is 2 hours, meetings tend to run longer during the admission cycle (November-February).

**Major Activities:**

- Discussed and made suggestions for schools' role in improving student retention rates.
- Discussed the ethnic studies requirement to be incorporated into all areas, particularly social sciences, history, English, and even STEM.
- Shared various concerns (e.g., high drop-out, unequal diploma value, difficulty with STEM education) with online courses and diploma.
- Discussed some drawbacks already observed among freshmen who were selected without standard test scores.
- Shared various outreach efforts during the current admissions cycle.

- First time raised concerns about potential impacts of ChatGPT on student application essays.
- Regular reports from the executive director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions about current year's admission and review status
- Reviewed a proposal from the Drama Department on adding optional portfolio in application package.
- At meetings, the chair of the Council always provided various updates and progress of the system-wide BOARS (Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools), including approved using Duolingo as a valid test for English proficiency, and ongoing efforts in determining how admissions trend is being impacted by the pandemic and removal of the standardized test requirement.

**Issues of Concern to the Libraries:**

As the new admission practice is promising in increasing the enrollment rate of first-generation and disabled students, it is the time for the Libraries to think more strategically how to provide effective educational support to the increased student population.

**Recommendations for New Reps/New Year:**

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