[Council on Enrollment Management and Admissions (CEMA)] LAUC-I Academic Senate Representative 2023-2024 Report

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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 2023 – June 2024). While the average length is 2 hours, meetings tend to run longer during the admission cycle (November-February), while in the other months, meetings might be cancelled due to lack of agenda.

Major Activities:

- Raised concerns about potential plagiarism, which includes AI-generated and professional-assisted personal storytelling in the application package.
- Discussed possible enhanced reader training, at the campus level, of the so-called "Comprehensive Review".
- Reviewed a revision of the Area H ethnic studies admissions requirement, and continued to show strong support in principle, whereas sharing a concern of increased complexity, such as domestic, international, and private school students who would have difficulty to meet the requirement. Also envisioned the need to implement

- potential alternative pathways for students who are admitted to UCI without having fulfilled the requirement, such as to take related courses after admission.
- Discussed the ASOTI (Academic Council Special Committee on Transfer Issues) presentation and Proposed TAG eligibility requirements for transfer students.
- Reviewed occasionally non-CEMA specific documents, such as proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Vaccination Programs.
- Regular reports from the executive director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions about current year's admission and review status, including possible impact of FAFSA delays on admission timelines.
- At meetings, the Council's representative to the system-wide BOARS (Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools) always provided various updates and progress of including across-campus efficacy assessment of Personal Insight Questions in the application review process, advisability of trying to perform a quantitative evaluation of the effects PIQs have on the selection results.

Issues of Concern to the Libraries:

In line with CEMA's concern with the use of AI in college application, should the libraries also keep an eye on students' use of AI-fed information for their schoolwork?

Recommendations for New Reps/New Year:

N.A.