2023-24 Annual Report of the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education

In fulfilling the charge set by the Berkeley Division by-laws, the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education (AEPE) accomplished the following activities during the 2023-24 academic year. Professor Sophie Volpp from the Department of Comparative Literature served as chair. AEPE conducted nine meetings and four non-voting meetings.

I. Admissions Policies and Review Guidelines

The following policies and procedures were reviewed and revised:

• College of Engineering – Effective for the Incoming Class of Fall 2024 – First-year Reader Guidelines (Approved October 20, 2023).

II. Key AEPE Issues

- Direct admissions request from the College of Computing, Data Science, and Society (CDSS) (11/17/2023)
- College of Letters and Science (L&S) Transfer Pilot program (11/17/2023; 12/15/2023; 1/19/2024; 4/19/2024; 5/10/2024)
- College of Letters and Science (L&S) High Demand Majors (12/15/2023; 1/19/2024)
- Haas School of Business First-Year (formerly called "Freshman") Direct Admit program (4/19/2024; 5/10/2024)
- AEPE memo on request for more resources for OUA (4/19/2024)
- Student-Athlete Admissions Policy & Student-Athlete Admissions Committee (SAAC) (4/19/2024)

• Contributors to Committee Meetings

- David Robinson, Chief Campus Counsel, met with AEPE on September 8, 2023, and explained laws and policies on confidentiality with respect to undergraduate applications and admissions.
- The following presented first-year & transfer applicant data, and provided updates related to undergraduate admissions and enrollment throughout the year (11/17/2023; 12/15/2023):

- Jocelyn De Jong, Assistant Vice Chancellor (AVC) and Director of Admissions – Office of Undergraduate Admissions (OUA)
- Adam Hillier, Strategic Initiatives Advisor Enrollment Management
- Justin Louis, Analyst Enrollment Management
- The following presented an update on the College of Letters and Science (L&S)
 Transfer Pilot program (11/17/2023; 5/10/2024):
 - Jennifer Johnson-Hanks, Executive Dean College of Letters & Science
 - Khia Brunelle, Coordinator of Educational Policy Division of Undergraduate Studies, L&S
 - Tessa Scott, UC Berkeley Future of Higher Education (FHE) Postdoctoral Fellow
- The following presented an update on the College of Letters and Science (L&S) High Demand Majors (12/15/2023):
 - Jennifer Johnson-Hanks, Executive Dean L&S
 - Michelle Phillips, Communications Director, L&S
- Janet Groome, Undergraduate Advisor Department of Philosophy, met with AEPE on February 9, 2024, and explained the transfer admissions process for Philosophy.
- \circ The following presented on the transfer reading process (02/09/2024):
 - Jocelyn De Jong, Assistant Vice Chancellor (AVC) and Director of Admissions – Office of Undergraduate Admissions (OUA)
 - Jake Jerzy, Senior Associate Director OUA
 - Ella Lam, Assistant Director of Admissions on the Transfer Team Transfer Evaluation Analyst – OUA
- Meaghan DeRespini, Assistant Director of Advising & Operations Rausser College of Natural Resources (RCNR), met with AEPE on March 8, 2024, and explained the transfer admissions process for RCNR.
- Shareena Samson, Director of Advising & Policy, Engineering Student Services College of Engineering (COE), met with AEPE on March 8, 2024, and explained the transfer admissions process for COE.
- The following provided an update to the *Haas Direct Admit program* at the May 10, 2024, meeting:
 - Erika Walker, Senior Assistant Dean for Instruction Haas School of Business
 - Monique Ellis, Director of Admissions Haas School of Business
 - Emma Daftary, Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Programs Haas School of Business

• Committee Member Participation

- Chair Sophie Volpp and AEPE member/Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management & Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Olufemi Ogundele co-chaired the Student Athlete Admissions Committee (SAAC).
- Professor Nicholas Mathew (Music) represented AEPE on the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) and reported on the committee's meetings and activities. Professor Anant Sahai (EECS) was an alternate.
- Professor Steven Lee (English) represented AEPE on the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) and reported on the committee's meetings and activities.
- o Professor John Hartwig (Chemistry) represented AEPE on SAAC.
- o Professor Steven Lee (English) represented AEPE on the Entry-Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) work group.

III. AEPE review of Academic Senate, Campus, and Systemwide Policies & Issues

- Review of proposed Division of Enrollment Management. Comments sent to Divisional Council on October 16, 2023.
- Systemwide Senate Review of Proposed Senate Regulation 424.A.3 (Area H). Comments sent to Divisional Council on April 22, 2024.

IV. Unfinished Business and Future Action Items

- Review of Haas Direct Admissions program
- Alternate majors topic
- Review of College of Letters and Science Transfer Pilot
- Review of College of Letters and Science High Demand Majors

V. Reports as Informational Items

- CUSHFA letter "AEPE to CUSHFA Fiat Lux Schools" (Informational Item 9/8/2023).
- Student Athlete policy (Informational Item 9/8/2023).
- AEPE letter: AEPE request Clarify S.R. 424A.3.c & Advanced Algebra (Informational Item 9/8/2023).
- AEPE letter: AEPE request Moratorium for Data Science, Area C (Informational Item 9/8/2023).
- AEPE letter: Revised proposal for A-G Ethnic Studies (Informational Item -9/8/2023).
- Systemwide Academic Senate letter: UC Assembly Amendments to Senate Regulation 479 (Cal-GETC) (Informational Item 9/8/2023).
- BOARS memo to UCOP Admissions transmitting the Area C Workgroup Stage 1 report & recommendations (Informational Item 3/8/2024).

- UC Statement on Mathematics (Area C) Admissions Requirements (Informational Item 3/8/2024).
- UC Undergraduate Admissions | Counselors & Advisers Bulletin Special Announcement, February 22, 2024 (Informational Item 3/8/2024).