2020-21 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 2020-21 academic year. Professor Sara McMains from the Department of Mechanical Engineering served as chair.

For 2020-21, AEPE met via Zoom videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I. Admissions Policies and Review Guidelines

- Freshman Selection Procedures – Effective for the Incoming Class for Fall 2021 (Approved November 6, 2020).
- L&S Advanced Standing Selection Criteria – Effective for the Incoming Class of Fall 2021 (Approved December 11, 2020).
- Transfer Quality Control Reviews – Effective for the Incoming Class of Fall 2021 (Approved December 11, 2020).

II. Key AEPE Issues

Contributors to Committee Meetings

- David Robinson, Chief Campus Counsel, met with AEPE on November 6, 2020 and explained laws and policies on confidentiality with respect to applications and admissions.
- Abby Jones, Deputy Director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions (OUA), and Adam Hiller, Strategic Initiatives Advisors – OUA, presented freshman and transfer applicant data.
- Abby Jones and Esperanza Bernal, Transfer Manager - OUA conducted multiple “norming sessions” throughout the year.
• Sereeta Alexander, Director – Office of Planning and Analysis presented enrollment information on February 19, 2021.

• John Arnold, Undergraduate Dean – College of Chemistry (COC); Maury Daly, Director of Undergraduate Student Services – COC; Evan Variano, Associate Dean and Chair of College of Engineering (COE) Undergraduate Admissions Committee; and Joey Wong, Academic Adviser, Engineering Student Services – COE discussed the process of revising COC and COE Freshman Reader Guidelines on April 16, 2021.

• Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion Oscar Dubón, Jr. presented his thoughts on undergraduate admissions on April 30, 2021.

Committee Member Participation

• Committee members participated in the AEPE Faculty Review of applications.

• Chair McMains presented an oral report on the state of admissions policy and preparatory education to the Fall 2020 Academic Senate Division meeting.

• Chair McMains co-chaired the Student Athlete Admissions Committee (SAAC).

• Professor Sameer Srivastava (Business) represented AEPE on the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) and reported on the committee’s meetings and activities.

• Professor Hector Rodriguez (Public Health) represented AEPE on the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) and reported on the committee’s meetings and activities.

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

• Proposed plans for UC-CCC transfer articulations for 2020-21. Comments forwarded to BOARS Chair on September 28, 2020.


• Revisions to Berkeley Division By-law 31. Approved at the February 19, 2021 meeting.

IV. Unfinished Business and Future Action Items

V. Reports as Informational Items


- Letter: *Concerns on the UC’s Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) & systemwide Advanced Writing Placement Examination (AWPE)* (Informational Item - 1/29/2021).


- *Statewide Admissions Index at UC*, report by UC Institutional Research and Academic Planning, February 2021 (Informational Item – 2/19/2021).