

**Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors & Financial Aid
Annual Report
2010-2011**

To the Irvine Divisional Assembly:

The Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors & Financial Aid (BUSHFA) submits its report of activities for the academic year 2010-2011.

I. Council Operations

Karina Cramer, Professor of Neurobiology and Behavior, chaired the Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors & Financial Aid (BUSHFA) in 2010-11. The Council met five times during the year. The meetings were attended by ten elected members, the Director of Financial Aid & Scholarships (ex officio), the Associate Dean of the Division of Undergraduate Education (ex officio), the Librarians' Association of the University of California, Irvine (LAUC-I) Representative, the Associated Students of University of California, Irvine (ASUCI) Representative, the Associate Director for the Campuswide Honors Program, the Articulation Officer from the Office of Admissions & Relations with Schools, and the Assistant Director and coordinator from the Scholarship Opportunities Program. BUSHFA reports to the Council on Student Experience (CSE) and the BUSHFA Chair is an ex officio member of CSE.

II. Campus-wide Issues/Policies

A. UC Funding Streams Model

BUSHFA discussed the proposed Funding Streams Model and its impact on undergraduate financial aid. Overall, BUSHFA supports the Funding Streams proposal. The model is more equitable than the current model because each campus will directly receive revenue from its tuition base, unlike the old system which reallocates resident tuition funding to campuses unevenly across campuses. However, some members are concerned that if the state reduces funding to UC, even slightly, the formulas used in the Funding Streams model could become jeopardized.

BUSHFA members were also supportive of the proposed undergraduate financial aid model and agree that UC should continue to "use funds to equalize the expected student contribution level from employment and/or loans across the system, such that each individual student would face the same net costs regardless of which campus the student chooses to attend." But the model is still flawed because it does not take into account the overall net cost of education at UC campuses. OP might want to consider factoring in the cost of living at each campus when determining allocations of financial aid to students. BUSHFA members wanted to know how the tuition fees from out of state and international students will be integrated into financial aid redistribution. It is not clear what percentage of non resident fees would be returned to aid. This aspect of the model is important because some campuses will have significantly increased revenue from non resident fees compared to other campuses. In order to maintain a fair redistribution of funds so that all UC students with financial aid will face the same net costs, non resident tuition should be included in the equation,

especially now that net payers at Berkeley could become 30% of the freshmen population.

III. Local issues/Policies

A. Approval of Latin Honors for AY09-10 and preliminary Approval for AY10-11

For AY2009-2010, BUSHFA approved the final Latin Honors list from the Schools. Nearly all the schools stayed within the 12% guidelines, awarding only the top 12% of the class Latin Honors. ICS awarded 14% and Arts 13.2% of their graduating class Latin Honors. Because ICS and Arts are small schools, BUSHFA members believe it is more difficult to keep within guidelines and therefore don't take issue with those percentages. Unexpectedly, some schools awarded significantly fewer Latin Honors than in past years. Health Sciences and Humanities each awarded only 7% of the class Latin Honors.

For AY2010-2011, all of the Schools were expected to be within the 12% guidelines for awarding Latin Honors. These results are preliminary and BUSHFA will approve the final results at its fall meeting. ICS will award Latin Honors to 8.3% of the class but that is fine with BUSHFA since the size of their graduating class is only 193. In the past BUSHFA has written memos to Biological Sciences requesting that they award fewer Latin Honors (they awarded 14% last year). The memos seemed to have the desired affect and Biological Sciences is now within the guidelines (11.8%).

B. Regents' Scholarship alignment with the Campuswide Honors Program,

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships requested that the Regents Scholarship Alignment plan be discontinued and the previous program re-implemented. Chris Shultz, the Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships, presented BUSHFA with a proposal to return to UCI's traditional method for selecting Regents scholars based primarily on ranking of GPA and SATs within the academic unit. Given the continued harsh budget climate, the Office of Financial Aid is no longer able to fund Regent's Scholarships at levels proposed in 2007. In 2007, the Council on Student Experience (CSE) had approved a change in the criteria used to select freshmen Regents scholars such that the top students invited into the Campuswide Honors Program (CHP) would also be offered the Regents Scholarship and would be funded between \$2500 and \$8000 per year depending on need, compared to the status quo of \$1000 per year. This process allowed for the possibility of yielding both more students and a better distribution of students across academic units due to the fact that Campus wide honors draws invitees from each School in proportion to the number of students applying to that School. Unfortunately, despite gains made in a more equitable distribution of students from academic units, the Regents Scholarship Alignment program was severely hampered in AY2009-2010 and AY2010-2011 due to the significant financial shortfall. Additionally, there was some confusion about whether all students invited to Campuswide Honors would also receive the Regents scholarship. That was not the case as only a top percentage (depending on the amount of funding available for that year) of students were offered Regents and Campuswide

Honors membership and the remaining students (the vast majority) were offered Campuswide Honors membership alone.

BUSHFA members prefer that the current program as fully envisioned remain in place and that misunderstandings about who is offered the Regents scholarship be better clarified to parents and students. However, BUSHFA understands that it is impossible to fund the Regents program at this time. Therefore, both BUSHFA voted to approve the proposal to return to the traditional selection and funding method of Regents Scholars for a two year period.

IV. FUTURE DIRECTIONS

1. Approve final Latin Honors cutoffs (BUSHFA reviewed the preliminary Latin Honors cutoffs)
2. Final Regents numbers for AY10-11

V. Members

Kwei Jay Lin, Chair, Engineering
 Karina Cramer, Biological Sciences
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 Miles Corwin, Humanities
 Jami Bartlett, Humanities
 Kathleen Johnson, Physical Sciences
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