

Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors & Financial Aid 2009-2010 Annual Report

To the Irvine Divisional Assembly:

The Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors & Financial Aid (BUSHFA) submits its report of activities for the academic year 2009-2010.

I. Council Operations

Kwei Jay Lin, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, chaired the Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors & Financial Aid (BUSHFA) in 2009-10. The Council met five times during the year. The meetings were attended by ten elected members, the Acting Director of Financial Aid & Scholarships (ex officio), the Associate Dean and Assistant 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. UCPB Proposal on Differential Fees and Non-Resident Tuition (October - April, 2009-10)

BUSHFA members are strongly opposed to charging differential fees for certain majors because the differential fee policy leads to the misconception that some majors are less or more important than others based on future job opportunities or student demand. BUSHFA members are also strongly opposed to charging differential fees to students to attend different campuses. This will lead to campus stratification or tiering. Some campuses will be considered "the cheap, the discount, the poor people's campuses." The stereotyping of students attending these campuses will soon follow. We don't want to "economically or educationally stigmatize" any campus.

Regarding non-resident tuition, BUSHFA member responses were mixed. Some BUSHFA members emphasized that CA Resident students should not be denied a place in UC to make room for non-resident higher-paying tuition students, a group, some believe, is already over-enrolled at UCI. Other BUSHFA members were more supportive of increasing the enrollment of non resident students at UCI to improve student body diversity. All BUSHFA members agreed that the funds generated by non resident students should be shared by all of the UC campuses.

B. UC Student Fee Policy (May, 2010)

The Board on Undergraduate Scholarships and Financial Aid endorsed the guidelines and edits that have been made regarding the Student Services fee.

BUSFHA supports changing the name from “registration fee” to “student services fee” because of the increased transparency: registration fees have never gone to the registrar and have always been used for student services. BUSHFA also approves of the “return to aid” plan which requires that the student services fee if raised will have a return to aid component that is the same percentage as the return to aid component of increases in the Education Fee. However, BUSHFA members were concerned that the addition of the “technology expenses directly related to the service” is ambiguous and implies that funds could be unfairly redirected to units who already receive funding. Members were also concerned that the Regents will now “set” the student services fee instead of the President of the University.

III. Local issues/Policies

A. **Transfer Merit Based Scholarship Selection Proposal, Add three community colleges to existing list (October, 2009)**

To increase the yield of meritorious transfer students to the University of California, the Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors and Financial Aid (BUSHFA) voted unanimously last year to extend additional Regents’ Scholarship offers to all transfer students admitted to the University under the new pilot Transfer Honors Enrollment Guarantee program. The Transfer Regents Honors Guarantee program is supplemental to the Transfer Regents program which welcomes meritorious transfers from any college or university.

To expand last year’s program, BUSHFA voted in favor of extending the Transfer Honors Enrollment Guarantee to three additional community colleges: Long Beach CC, Mount SAC, and Santiago College. This would bring the total of participating community colleges to nine (from six).]The Transfer Honors Enrollment Guarantee program already offers guaranteed admission to the university for all community college transfer students from the original 6 UCI partner community colleges Cerritos College, Cypress College, Irvine Valley College, Orange Coast College, Saddleback, and Santa Ana College.

B. **Communication between BUSHFA and Advancement regarding funding to the Regents program (All year).**

For the second time in two years, BUSHFA wrote a memo to the Vice Chancellor of Advancement expressing its concern about the dearth of funding to Financial Aid from Advancement and the opportunity by website and through the Medals Dinner for donors to select Regents scholarships from a list of giving options. Although Financial Aid received nothing from the Medals dinner this year and was forced to dramatically scale back the Regents Scholarship program, this year, AY2009-10, Advancement was able to give Financial Aid \$124,000 from its Medal funds. Financial Aid is grateful for this gift. However, aside from last year where zero funds were received, \$124,000 is the lowest level of support received from Advancement to Financial Aid in the past several years. Furthermore, as of the writing of this report and despite reports and promises to

the contrary from Advancement, the Advancement website remains poorly designed: for example, when “regent” is searched for, nothing comes up, nor does the website provide a drop down menu with a listing for Regents Scholarships for donors to select.

IV. FUTURE DIRECTIONS

1. Continue follow up on how Medal funds are appropriated to Financial Aid
2. Approve final Latin Honors cutoffs (BUSHFA reviewed the preliminary Latin Honors cutoffs)
3. Final Regents numbers for AY09-10
4. Follow up on Transfer Merit Based Scholarship Program expansion (to 9 community colleges)

V. Members

Kwei Jay Lin, Chair, Engineering
 Karina Cramer, Biological Sciences
 Jean-Daniel Saphores, Engineering
 Alejandro Morales, Humanities
 Jami Bartlett, Humanities
 Patrick Smith, Information & Computer Science
 Zachary Fisk, Physical Sciences/Biological Sciences
 Ilona Yim, Social Ecology
 Julia Elyachar, Social Sciences
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Ex Officio

Sharon Salinger, Dean of Undergraduate Education
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Consultants

Lisa Roetzel, Associate Director, Campuswide Honors Program
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