

## **Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors & Financial Aid 2013-2014 Annual Report**

### **To the Irvine Divisional Assembly:**

The Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors & Financial Aid (BUSHFA) respectfully submits its report of activities for the academic year 2013-14.

### **I. Council Operations**

Lorenzo Valdevit, Associate Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering in the The Henry Samueli School of Engineering, chaired the Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors & Financial Aid (BUSHFA) in 2013-14. The Council met four times during the year. The meetings were attended by ten elected members, the Director of Financial Aid & Scholarships (ex officio), the Associate Dean, Division of Undergraduate Education (ex officio), the Librarians' Association of the University of California, Irvine (LAUC-I) Representative, and the Associated Students of University of California, Irvine (ASUCI) Representative, the Associate Director and Senior Honors Advisor for the Campuswide Honors Program, the Associate Director, Admissions & Relations with Schools, and the Director, Scholarship Opportunities Program. BUSHFA reports to the Council on Student Experience (CSE) and the BUSHFA Chair is an ex-officio member of CSE.

### **II. Divisional Issues/Policies**

#### **A. Latin Honors**

For undergraduates, UC Irvine has a cap on the number of students that can receive Latin Honors at graduation with a maximum award amount of 12% for the school's graduating class broken down into three categories: honors (top 6%), high honors (top 4%), and highest honors (top 2%). Three schools were identified as needing monitoring and will be reviewed Fall Quarter 2014 to ensure any possible issues are addressed. BUSHFA members noted that in spite of this, there were no significant issues with the honors awarded for 2012-13 and voted to accept all school percentages. BUSHFA continues to monitor the honors awarded each year and will address any future issues as they arise.

*(BUSHFA Meeting – 01/22/14)*

#### **B. Restricted Scholarships**

The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarship received approximately 3,800 on-line restricted scholarship applications for 2014-15. The scholarship applications were pre-screened and reduced for final review by BUSHFA members. The review groups accessed the applications online. In 2013-14, a three reader review system was used for the Dan and Jean Aldrich, Nicholas Aeberhard, Dr. John R. Miltner, and the Dr. John R. Miltner/Irvine Health Foundation applications. Board members found the review process to be a more efficient means of evaluating applications and voted Fall Quarter to implement the review process for all of the scholarship categories effective Spring Quarter 2014. Additionally, the ranking system was converted from an ABC to a numerical system with a listing of the number of scholarships in each category to be awarded.

*(BUSHFA Meeting – 04/30/14 & 05/21/14, Memo – 04/04/14)*

**C. Elected Chair for 2013-14**

Lorenzo Valdevit was elected chair for 2014-15.

**IV. Guests**

Elizabeth Bennett, University Registrar

**V. Members**

Lorenzo Valdevit, Chair, Engineering

Louis Desipio, Social Sciences

Sara Goodman, Social Sciences

John Guzowski, Biological Sciences

Lucas Hilderbrand, Humanities

Stanislaw Jarecki, Information and Computer Sciences

Santiago Morales, Humanities

Jane Page, Arts

Alessandra Pantano, Physical Sciences

Keramet Reiter, Social Ecology

Keyue Smedley, Engineering

Isabella Velicogna, Physical Sciences

Yu Zhang, Business

**Ex-Officio**

Rudi Berkelhamer, Associate Dean, Division of Undergraduate Education for Sharon

Salinger, Dean of Undergraduate Education

Thomas Parham, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

**Consultants**

Christine Cha, Scholarships Coordinator, Financial Aid and Scholarships

Chau Luu, Assistant Director, Financial Aid and Scholarships

David Naimie, Associate Director, Admissions and Relations with Schools

Lisa Roetzel, Associate Director, Campuswide Honors Program

Chris Shultz, Director, Financial Aid and Scholarships

Michelle Tsai, Coordinator, Scholarship Opportunities Program

**Representatives**

Cathy Palmer, Librarians' Association, University of California, Irvine

Rouzbeh Soleymani, Associated Students, University of California, Irvine

Carolina Trucios, Associated Students, University of California, Irvine