

**BOARD ON UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS AND FINANCIAL AID  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2021-22**

**To the Irvine Divisional Assembly:**

The Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors & Financial Aid (BUSHFA) respectfully submits its report of activities for the academic year 2021-22.

**I. Council Operations**

David Timberlake, Associate Professor of Population Health & Disease Prevention, School of Public Health, chaired the Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors & Financial Aid (BUSHFA) in 2021-22. The Council met three times during the year by videoconference. The meetings were attended by twelve elected members, a delegate from the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs (ex officio), a delegate from the Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning/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 Assistant Director of Scholarships, the Director of the Campuswide Honors Collegium, the Director of Admissions & Relations with Schools, and the Director of the Scholarship Opportunities Program. BUSHFA reports to the Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience (CTLSE) and the BUSHFA Chair is an ex officio member of CTLSE.

**II. Divisional Issues**

**A. Review of 2020-21 Latin Honors**

*(Meeting dates: 10/27/2021, 1/26/2022, and 4/27/2022)*

The Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors, and Financial Aid (BUSHFA) reviews the Latin honors awarded to UC Irvine graduating seniors each academic year to ensure the percentage limit for awarding Latin honors is not exceeded. According to Regulation 415 of the Manual of the Irvine Division of the Academic Senate, each School or program (or equivalent) may award Latin honors to no more than 16% of its graduating seniors who have completed at least 72 units in the University of California: approximately 2% summa cum laude, 4% magna cum laude, and 10% cum laude.

In AY 20-21 the Board agreed with the Office of the Registrar and the schools' desire to streamline the process of awarding Latin honors by GPA. The Board will permit schools flexibility to determine whether certain categories of courses (e.g., independent study courses) should be included in GPA calculations for the purpose of determining Latin honors. Importantly, schools must post this information online so that students understand the criteria for earning Latin honors in their respective majors.

The Office of the Registrar will provide GPA cutoffs for each school before the beginning of the academic year and publish the cutoffs by September

at <https://www.reg.uci.edu/grades/latinhonors.html>. These cutoffs will be determined based on GPA data from the previous three years. While 16% will remain the goal each year, a minor year-to-year deviation is expected and permitted since the GPA cutoffs will be determined in advance.

The Board will continue its annual review of Latin honors and address issues as they arise.

**B. University Advancement**

*(Meeting date: 1/26/2022)*

Kara Correa, Executive Director of Development, Scholarship Programs at University Advancement provided an update on campus scholarship efforts to increase the number of donor-funded scholarships that are need and merit based. Advancement encourages donations by building community support and collaborating closely with the Alumni Association and other larger campus campaign efforts to identify donors. The Board invited the Executive Director of Development, Scholarships Programs to attend a BUSHFA meeting each year for updates. Advancement thanked the Board for its role in reviewing and awarding scholarships.

**C. UCI's Esports**

*(Meeting date: 4/27/2022)*

BUSHFA invited Mark Deppe, Director of Esports, to its April meeting to update the Board on the process of awarding scholarships offered on the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships' (OFAS) centralized scholarship platform.

The application process to Esports is a measured approach and carefully considers the student performance video replay, as well as the applicant's existing ranking in the gaming community and. Students also must meet UCI's high academic standards for final admissions decisions. UCI Esports athletes typically are in the top 500 competitive players in North America.

The Esports Faculty Advisory Board is made up of faculty from Information & Computer Sciences (ICS), Health Sciences, Business, and Biological Sciences. It oversees and guides the Esports program to ensure it remains aligned with UCI's overall academic mission of excellent research and education. Members discussed whether a BUSHFA member should serve on the Esports Advisory Board but felt there was existing faculty representation and knowledge on the committee. Esports welcomes faculty participation and interested members should contact Mark Deppe.

**D. Online Restricted Scholarships for 2022-23**

*(Meeting dates: 10/27/2021, 1/26/2022, and 4/27/2022)*

OFAS solicited Board members to serve on subcommittees for the following 13 restricted scholarships offered on the Scholarship Universe platform.

Ching Suei Su Scholarship  
Dan and Jean Aldrich Scholarship  
Dr. John R. Miltner Annual Scholarship  
Dr. John R. Miltner/Irvine Health Foundation  
Dr. Ryoji Yokoyama Undergraduate Scholarship  
Dunicliffe Scholarship  
Magnificent Obsession Perpetual Scholarship  
Marion DeRisio Memorial Scholarship  
Nicholas Aeberhard Award  
Reward Opportunity Advancing Distinguished Students (ROADS)  
Schools First Federal Credit Union Scholarship  
Sylvia Easton Memorial Scholarship  
Thessaly Lynne Miles Scholarship

Subcommittees are comprised of three Board members, and on average members serve on three subcommittees each. To prepare for the transition to Scholarship Universe OFAS asked BUSHFA to submit the final subcommittee solicitation sheet before holiday recess.

The scholarship application was open to continuing students from January-April 2022. OFAS extended the subcommittee review period by one week, providing three weeks during May 3-27, 2022, for members to access the platform, review and rank shortlisted applications. Aware of concerns about workload equity, OFAS provided members with a balanced shortlist of applications. Members were encouraged to rank all applicants on the shortlist to allow financial aid officers to award based on eligibility and move to the next eligible applicant in the ranking. Scholarship Universe improved the reviewer experience with a predefined scoring scheme, which allows for a holistic review based on merit, need, leadership experience, and community service experience. Based upon a set of predefined questions, Scholarship Universe matches students to eligible scholarships, relieving the time reviewers previously spent reviewing ineligible applications. Scholarship Universe also has a community score tab that lets subcommittee members see overall ranking and comments, eliminating the need for members for a final consensus; if members feel they need to discuss an applicant, OFAS can assist with arranging a Zoom meeting.

OFAS presented instructional videos during BUSHFA meetings in January and April and supported members with any technical difficulties during the review.

The Board will discuss the process and provide any feedback to OFAS at its October 2022 meeting.

**E. Distinguished Scholarships**

*(Meeting date: 1/26/2022)*

Fabian Firoozi, Assistant Director, Scholarships, Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, presented Fall 2020 data on distinguished scholarships. OFAS increased the number of distinguished scholarships available and applied other competitive approaches to attract high-ranking students to UCI. The changes had the greatest positive impact on first-generation honors students and underrepresented students. Incoming students who are admitted to UCI for fall quarter will be considered for a Regents Scholarship, Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarship, and Director’s Scholarship.

**F. Participation in Scholarship Opportunities Program (SOP) Campus Endorsement Interviews**

*(Meeting date: 10/27/2021)*

Scholarship Opportunities Program (SOP) solicited BUSHFA members to participate in campus endorsement interviews for applicants to prestigious national and international scholarships. Volunteers should plan to spend about 90 minutes deliberating and discussing finalists, plus additional time reviewing materials.

<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Focus</b>	<b>Student Endorsement Interview</b>
Fulbright U.S. Student Program	S/R 140+ countries	Mid-August
Rhodes Scholarship (Oxford), British Marshall Scholarship, Mitchell Scholarship, and Churchill Scholarship	UK & Ireland awards	Mid-August
Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for Excellence in Research	Funds one to two years of undergraduate study for students in Math, Science and Engineering, and requirements include a GPA of 3.7 or higher	Mid-December -Fall Quarter Post-Finals Week

Harry S. Truman Scholarship	Government, academic, nonprofit, and/or public-service oriented careers	Early January - Winter Quarter Week 2
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SOP recognized BUSHFA member Susan King, an officer of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and thanked the BUSHFA members listed below who participated on the Goldwater Committee. Even though no Goldwater applicants were selected from the campus this year, SOP hopes faculty found the experience rewarding and they encourage members' continued participation.

Professor Manuel Reyes, Mathematics  
 Professor Roberto Tinoco, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry  
 Professor Solmaz Kia, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering  
 Professor J.J. Emerson, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

### III. Continuing Business

The Board will consider the following issues for 2022-23:

Latin Honors Review  
 Online Restricted Scholarships  
 Centralized Scholarship Platform  
 Esports Scholarship Criteria (as needed)

### IV. Board Membership

#### Faculty Members

David Timberlake, Chair, Health Sciences  
 Larisa Castillo, Humanities  
 Philip Thompson, Arts  
 Shuya Yin, Business  
 Richard Brestoff, Arts  
 Susan King, Physical Sciences  
 Kristine Molina, Social Ecology  
 Veronica Berrocal, ICS  
 Gustavo Carlo, Education  
 Solmaz Kia, Engineering  
 Manuel Rays, Physical Sciences  
 Ana Rosas, Social Sciences  
 Roberto Tinoco, Biological Sciences

#### Ex Officio

Michael Dennin, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning and Dean of the Division of Undergraduate Education  
 Willie Banks, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

Jonathan Alexander, Associate Dean, Division of Undergraduate Education  
Brice Kikuchi, Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

**Consultants**

Rose Jones, Director, Scholarship Opportunities Program  
Richard (Kuni) Kondo, Financial Aid and Scholarships  
Fabian Firoozi, Assistant Director, Scholarships  
Rebecca Sanchez, Director, Financial Aid and Scholarships  
Mark Naimie, Associate Director, Admissions and Relations with Schools  
Lisa Roetzel, Director, Administration, Campuswide Honors Collegium

**Representatives**

Nicole Arnold, LAUC-I  
Emily Schoeff, ASUCI (fall and winter)  
Jennifer Nguyen, ASUCI (spring)

**Senate Analyst**

Rachel Mangold