1. Chair Steintrager’s Welcome

Senate Chair James Steintrager welcomed the members of CUARS to the Academic Senate. Chair Steintrager emphasized the charge of CUARS as one of the Academic Senate’s delegated authorities.

2. Roles, Functions, and Processes

CUARS Chair Cohen-Cory read members the CUARS and BOARS bylaws. Chair Cohen-Cory emphasized the importance of attendance at meetings, reviewed the Senate Recusal Policy in addition to Senate communication guidelines and the flow of Senate business. Chair Cohen-Cory encouraged members to read the 2018-19 Annual Report and if they had questions to bring them to the November meeting.

3. BOARS Report

Chair Cohen-Cory relayed the important discussion points from the October 4 BOARS meeting, including the addition of the UC Pathway Plus program which intends to be broader than the existing specified course curriculum of Transfer Guarantee Program (TAG). UC Pathways is aimed to help transfer students graduate in two years upon transfer from community college. Chair Cohen-Cory also noted that members can expect a report from the Standardized Testing Task Force in January 2020 about the future viability of requiring the SAT and ACT in admissions and that, currently, the Task Force is recommending the elimination of the ACT and SAT essay sections. The BOARS meeting also addressed an update from the Office of Admissions about the ongoing admissions audit focusing on Admission by Exception (A-by-E) that notes the California legislature has recently passed a new law with new language about A-by-E. Future systemwide policies may be implemented in response.

Chair Cohen-Cory also discussed the annual Systemwide verification process where 1,000 randomly selected applications to the UC system were selected to verify aspects of their application. Within those 1,000, 10% approximately did not comply with the request for various reasons. The Office of the President is interested in implementing a new verification system that will help, among other things, avoid plagiarism in personal insight questions. Interim Director of Admissions Dale Leaman noted that this process happens prior to evaluating applications at the campus level. BOARS is also interested in changing the training process for readers to see if trained readers would evaluate applications as faculty would to see if that
results in differences in admissions outcomes. This is happening at some campuses already, and discussion is ongoing about implementing this Systemwide. Chair Cohen-Cory also noted the Systemwide push for implicit bias training, and Interim Director Leaman noted that all readers at UCI will be receiving this training this year.

The remainder of the meeting was held in Executive Session.

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:03pm.

Members present: Susana Cohen-Cory (Chair), Stanley Bailey, Sergio Gago Masague, David Kirkby, Jayne Lewis, Candice Odgers, Emily Penner, S. Ama Wray

Alternates present: None

Ex-Officios/Consultants/Representatives/Senate Analysts present: Dale Leaman (Ex-Officio), Eric Hernandez Barraza (AGS), Sylvie Xu (ASUCI), Krystal Tribbet (LAUC-I), Brandon Haskey-Valerius (Analyst), Michelle Chen (Analyst), Kate Brigman (Executive Director, Academic Senate), Gina Anzivino (Assistant Director, Academic Senate)

Guests present: James Steintrager (Chair, Academic Senate), Tony Hwang (Executive Director AVC-Enrollment Management)

-----------------------

Minutes prepared by Brandon Haskey-Valerius
Attest: Susana Cohen-Cory, CUARS Chair
Academic Senate, Irvine Division