1. Draft Minutes of December 10, 2019
CUARS members voted 7-0-0 to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting.

2. Vice-Chair Vote
CUARS members voted 7-0-0 to approve Sergio Gago-Masague as the Vice-Chair of CUARS.

3. BOARS Report
Vice-Chair Gago-Masague discussed items from the most recent BOARS meeting. This meeting solely discussed the upcoming report from the Standardized Testing Task Force (STTF). Members were given a chance to see a draft of the report, and most of the discussion focused on its recommendation that the University of California not make any changes to its utilization of the SAT as part of its admissions requirements. Campuses will remain free to utilize the SAT however they see fit in their comprehensive review. The report concludes that there is correlation between academic performance and SAT scores.

Issue: The Standardized Testing Task Force has drafted a report based upon their findings. The confidential draft was discussed at the latest BOARS meeting.

Discussion: Chair Cohen-Cory noted the 73-page draft has been in the works for years. Aside from the findings Vice-Chair Gago-Masague discussed, Chair Cohen-Cory noted the report considers the possibility of developing a University of California specific entrance exam, though more research would be needed as to how that exam would look and how it would be used. Vice-Chair Gago-Masague noted that multiple simulations were discussed in the report that showed GPA alone actually decreased diversity in admissions. Members asked if those simulations were in the report, and at this point, they are not.

Members also expressed concern regarding the legitimate research that shows systematic bias in standardized testing such as the SAT. To that end, members voted 7-0-0 to send a statement to the Chair of BOARS recommending the STTF report to BOARS include a recommendation to the appropriate body to study the
feasibility and implication of subsidized SAT testing for all California high school students, especially in terms of diversifying the college applicant pool.

5. Review of International Undergraduate Preparation Program (IUPP)

Issue: In response to Senate questions about the program, DCE has responded and CUARS was asked to consider follow-up questions or further response.

Discussion: Director of Admissions Dale Leaman noted that the Office of Admissions is completely separate from this program, and that any past preferential treatment in comprehensive review that IUPP participants may have enjoyed is no longer the case. All applicants, regardless of participation in IUPP, are assessed the same way. This remains the case whether the applicant is applying as a first-year student or as a lower division transfer.

Members expressed concern about Admission by Exception (A-by-E) in regard to international students who may be in this program. Director Leaman noted A-by-E policies are strict about the type of students who can be admitted, such as a certain percentage for athletes and another for international students whose secondary preparation programs did not include arts courses, and this topic would be discussed further at the upcoming meeting of all UC Directors of Admission.

CUARS members voted 7-0-0 to not ask any further questions or require other responses of DCE.

6. Update on 2020-21 Application Cycle

Issue: Director Leaman provided CUARS with an update on the current application cycle.

Discussion: Director Leaman presented current raw data on the number of applications overall and broken down into categories as well as the progress of reading through the applications. Highlights include an increase in overall applications and an over 10% increase in applications from domestic, out-of-state applicants. Members were also provided a timeline describing approximate due dates for notifying applicants of their status.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Members present: Susana Cohen-Cory (Chair), Sergio Gago-Masague (Vice-Chair), Stanley Bailey, Kevin Bradford, David Kirkby, Jayne Lewis, Emily Penner

Alternates present: Allon Hochbaum
Ex-officios/Consultants/Representatives/Senate Analysts present: Dale Leaman (Ex-officio), Krysal Tribbett (LAUC-I), Eric Hernandez Barraza (AGS), Levys Juarez Maciel (ASUCI)

Guests present: None

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