1. **Draft Minutes of January 14, 2020**
   CUARS members voted 5-0-0 to accept the minutes as distributed.

2. **BOARS Report**
   Chair Cohen-Cory discussed events from the February 2020 BOARS meeting. The meeting addressed the formation of a task force on online degrees, the status of DACA students, and a new subcommittee to evaluate the factors that impact outcomes for applicants from areas such as the central valley and inner city.

   BOARS also heard a presentation from the Director of Admissions at UC Berkeley on their approach to comprehensive review. Like UCI, UC Berkeley trains its readers and evaluates applications on a 1-3 scale, though Berkeley is considering moving to a 5-point scale. Berkeley differs from UCI in that it groups its readers geographically. The Director of Admissions also indicated his disagreement with the STTF report recommendation to continue usage of the SAT/ACT for admissions.

   BOARS members also discussed revision Admission by Exception (AbyE) to better reflect the students who were meant to be targeted by the policy initially. In its creation, AbyE was meant to help California residents who were traditionally underserved. Most campuses have been using this to admit international students. Currently, 64% of UCI AbyE acceptances are to international students. Members expressed concerns that these students were taking the place of California students who the policy is meant to address. It was suggested to make a separate policy for international students that leaves AbyE for California residents.

   BOARS also discussed the STTF report, noting that the report provides recommendations that President Napolitano or the Regents could choose to adopt or ignore. CUARS must submit comments by March 11th to Cabinet and by March 23rd to BOARS. Currently the report does not contain the CUARS recommendation to pursue statewide SAT testing for all students, but Chair Cohen-Cory noted that UCOP analysts noted that the Long Beach Unified District is currently doing this and could be used as a model for the state. CUARS is also being asked to look into students who commit to attend UCI and then don’t arrive on campus.

3. **Update: Current Admissions Cycle & SLATE Demonstration**
Director of Admissions Dale Leaman led members through a series of screenshots demonstrating the functionality of SLATE for admissions. Members expressed concern about how admission and enrollment numbers are correlated when some majors are having high achieving students denied admission. Chair Cohen-Cory shared a concern expressed at the last Divisional Senate Assembly meeting about an outside company making admissions decisions, and Director Leaman assured members that this was not the case, and the filters do not eliminate students individually. He could not say that the past practice of not offering admission to top students will change, but he can provide yield numbers. He also stated that selection sets are being done in a more granular way this year that ideally can provide schools with the impacts of various criterion. Director Leaman also shared initial yield predictions for the offers being made through the Campuswide Honors Collegium.

Chair Cohen-Cory went over the recommendations from the STTF report and gave members a chance to discuss the findings. Director Leaman noted that he supports the idea of adding quantitative factors to comprehensive review such as number of successfully attempted AP courses. The report recommends expanding the 9x9 program, but Director Leaman noted this may not be possible due to a lack of capacity.

5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

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

Alternates present: None

Ex-Officios/Consultants/Representatives/Senate Analysts present: Dale Leaman (Ex-Officio), Jiaqi Zhou (ASUCI alternate), Brandon Haskey-Valerius (CUARS analyst)

Guests present: None

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