1. Draft Minutes of October 8, 2019
   CUARS members voted 6-0-0 to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting.

2. Vice-Chair Discussion & Potential Vote
   Issue: Chair Cohen-Cory requested nominations for a Vice-Chair for CUARS. One member has been nominated, but others may nominate themselves or others at the time of discussion.

   Discussion: Chair Cohen-Cory is looking for a member to assume the role of Vice-Chair for this Academic Year. One previous option is unavailable, so the position is open still. The position this year will largely be observational as Chair Cohen-Cory does not anticipate missing any meetings.

   Action: CUARS will continue to visit this issue until a Vice-Chair is elected.

3. BOARS Report
   Chair Cohen-Cory discussed items from the most recent BOARS meeting. At this meeting, Directors of Admission from each UC campus presented on how their campus handles comprehensive review, and their approaches vary significantly by campus. UCI has the fewest categories for readers to use of any UC campus. Among the goals of these presentations was to see how each campus handles standardized testing scores in anticipation of the Standardized Testing Task Force recommendations in January. The potential recommendations of the STTF were also discussed at BOARS, including how the Smarter Balanced testing could fall into the same issues of the SAT/ACT if it were included as an admissions testing option. Additionally, BOARS is reviewing a systemwide policy on comprehensive review.

   Chair Cohen-Cory also noted the role of the Vice-Chair in BOARS meetings. Potentially, depending on the schedule of the Vice-Chair, they could serve as the BOARS representative for CUARS.

4. Standardized Testing Task Force Discussion
   Issue: Director of Admissions Dale Leaman will lead a discussion on the potential findings of the Standardized Testing Task Force, including the possibility that UC
will offer “test flexible” applications where students can utilize the ACT, SAT, or Smarter Balanced exams. Chair Cohen-Cory will also take time to discuss the New York Times article “What College Admissions Offices Really Want.”

**Discussion:** Director Leaman was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict, so Chair Cohen-Cory led the discussion. As a result, the potential findings of the STTF were largely tabled until another meeting. Members suggested reaching out to members of the UCI community who have performed research in the area of standardized testing in order to see current best practices in the area.

Member Penner noted that, as evidenced in a report from UC Davis ([https://edpolicyinca.org/publications/predicting-college-success-how-do-different-high-school-assessments-measure-2019](https://edpolicyinca.org/publications/predicting-college-success-how-do-different-high-school-assessments-measure-2019)), Smarter Balanced testing is both free and a good predictor of college success. Member Spitale asked about how the impact of the potential change in testing can be measured, suggesting that UCI should consider now how to measure the impact of that change to prepare for the future.

5. **Reader Training Sessions**
   Members were highly encouraged to attend one of the reader training sessions on November 12, 13, or 14.

   Bryan Jue, Senior Associate Director of Outreach in the Office of Admissions, will be at our December meeting to present on this topic.

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

   **Members present:** Susana Cohen-Cory (Chair), Stanley Bailey, Sergio Gago Masague, Jayne Lewis, Emily Penner, Morton Pincus, Robert Spitale

   **Alternates present:** None

   **Ex-Officios/Consultants/Representatives/Senate Analysts present:** Eric Hernandez Barraza (AGS), Sylvie Xu (ASUCI), Krystal Tribbett (LAUC-I), Brandon Haskey-Valerius (Analyst)

   **Guests present:** None

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