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Status Report on Fall 2010 Admissions

- UC again received a record number of applications for fall term admission, experiencing a 2.4% increase at the freshman level, and a 17.5% increase in transfers (FR CA resident: 1.6%, same as last year; CCC → 20.7%)
- While this strong interest is welcomed news, UC is currently overenrolled by 15,000 students – that is, students for whom we receive no funding from the state. No doubt many of you saw the recent report of the difficulties some students are experiencing on some of our campuses to obtaining classes – this is precisely the situation we need to push back against, and
- There is an urgent need to bring enrollments back in line with funding in order to sustain a high quality program.
- This is what you can expect at the freshman level:
 - Systemwide UC will again reduce the number of freshman offered admission, but not as much as fall 2009 where we reduced by 2,300 students across the system. I expect that we will reduce by 1,500 or so.
 - UC will also seek to increase, again, the # of CCC transfers enrolled (500).
 - Most campuses will seek to reduce enrollments (except Merced) – this means that admission will be more competitive at most campuses.
 - UC will again guarantee a space for all UC eligible students, but that choice will likely be limited to Merced (Riverside is still considering the possibility of taking some students, most likely in Engineering).
 - In order to more effectively management enrollments, that is – to enroll the greatest number of freshman students without over enrolling, most campuses will implement waitlists this cycle. We expect that our process will function much like those at private colleges, but since this is new for UC, I will say a few words about how this work:
 - For fall 2010, we are talking about freshman only

- All campuses will participate except UCLA and Merced
- Specific to process: At the same time that campuses send admission and deny letters, participating campuses will invite a subset of their denied freshman applicants to indicate their interest in being on a waiting list. Applicants would be those who came closest to being admitted in the campus's comprehensive review process but didn't quite make it.
- Wait list candidates will be required to indicate their interest in early April. Applicants who are wait list candidates on more than one campus can ask to stay on the wait list for most than one campus. **Applicants who are admitted to one or more campuses will be encouraged to accept one admission offer even if they wish to wait list for another campus.** This is to ensure that they have a space. However, if the student sends in a deposit to Campus A and later accepts an offer at Campus B, the deposit to Campus A will not be refunded.
- Shortly after Statements of Intent to Register are due (May 1), campuses will analyze likely enrollment and begin to move students off their waiting lists if they anticipate not reaching their targets. We expect that most of these offers will be out by May 17 and it is our intent to wrap this up as early as possible in June.
- This will produce a certain amount of "churning" as some students cancel their acceptances at one campus to attend another and the second-choice campus then has to go to its wait list to replace the lost enrollment. We anticipate that enrollment decisions would be stabilized by the end of May.
- A word about appeals: Students who feel they have grounds for an appeal of a denial decision should not be discouraged from appealing but they should be reminded that the purpose of appeal is to address errors or to provide compelling new information and/or information on hardships [a student shouldn't assume that they don't need to appeal but we are reminding them that the purpose of the appeal]. Related, students cannot appeal to be placed on the waitlist; they can appeal an admissions decision if there are grounds for an appeal.

Additional information on UC's Waitlist process will be mailed to high schools next week.

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