

University Senate Student Admissions, Aid, and Affairs Committee (SAAA) Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2022

(transcript and video recording available upon request)

Called to order 3:00pm

Attendance

Elected Members

Harvey Borovetz, Swanson School of Engineering
Marylou Gramm, Dietrich School, Department of English
Thottala Jayaraman, School of Dental Medicine
Sue Skledar, School of Pharmacy
Sybil Streeter, Co-Chair, Dietrich School, Department of Psychology
Susan Wesmiller, School of Nursing

Student Representatives

Harshitha Ramanan, Student Government Board

Chancellor's Liaisons

Kenyon Bonner, Vice Provost for Student Affairs
Mark Harding, Vice Provost for Enrollment
Chris Hoppe, Executive Associate Director Sports Administration, Student Support

Senate Appointments

Gosia Fort, Senate Liaison
Robin Kear, Senate President

Guests

Nicola Foote, Dean of University Honors College
David Hornyak, Assistant Dean, University Honors College
Susan Jones, University Times
Ellen Kelsey, DSAS Department of Biological Sciences
Valerie Oke, DSAS Department of Biological Sciences
Jessica Wandelt, DSAS Department of Biological Sciences

Agenda

1. February Minutes forthcoming; substantial edits requested
2. UHC priority enrollment
 - a. Support from Educational Policies Committee - in support of revision
 - b. Background:
 - i. Priority enrollment an important metric for formal rankings and important recruitment tool

- ii. UHC students now 15% of undergraduate population; able to enroll en masse on Friday before general population on Mondays
 - iii. UHC students inherently **required** to complete additional coursework and co-curricular (OOC) components
 - iv. No mechanism to remove students from UHC status regardless of progress through the program (some students remain UCH even though they do not plan to complete – to retain priority enrollment)
- c. Scope of problem: pressure on seats in courses required for non-UHC majors and prospective majors
 - i. DSAS departments protecting seats by restricting upper level courses to majors
 - 1. A “blunt tool” that adds burden on advising and permission numbers
 - ii. Puts outsized burden on courses implying “health” or “medicine”
 - iii. Excessive effort for advisors to evaluate and generate permission numbers
- d. Solutions
 - i. Enhancement to UHC advising model
 - ii. UHC open to cohorting and editing the current model
 - iii. Refine priority - Stratify on year
 - iv. Prioritize students who have already applied for graduation (not taking away, but adding)
 - v. Greater collaboration with departments (esp. BIOSCI)
 - vi. Create sub-plans coordinating majors with UHC
 - vii. SPACE – needed if we’re to offer classes to educate abundance of incoming students
- e. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 3pm
 - i. Campus recreation and Wellness

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm