Report on Fall 2019 Transfer Admission Outcomes

UCLA has offered fall 2019 admission to just under 4,900 transfer students. Of these, 94 percent are transferring from a California community college. Our enrollment target is slightly higher than last year. As backdrop for my remarks, I’d like to share a bit about what we saw in our enrollment process last year: yield increased! Our class came in larger than expected and, while the campus was able to accommodate the additional students, we were politely asked by campus leadership to not overenroll again. This translated into a more conservative approach to our initial admission offers for fall 2019 with an intent to utilize our waitlist to achieve our final enrollment targets.

Admission to UCLA’s five colleges remained very competitive, with admitted students earning an average GPA of over a 3.8. More than 75% of our admitted students earned a 3.5 GPA or higher. Ultimately, our admit rate this year is roughly 21% at the moment. I would imagine the final admit rate will likely change but we’ll have to wait until after June 1 to see if and how many waitlist offers we might make.

Roughly 1/3rd (32%) of our transfer admits report a low family income (<\= $52K), and roughly half report that they will be the first in their family to graduate from college.

As a proportion of the admitted class, African-American, American Indian and Chicano/Latino CCC students represent roughly 30% of admitted domestic transfer students, very similar to last year.

In terms of admission for TAP students...UCLA received 1,886 TAP applications, up for the fourth consecutive year. We admitted slightly fewer TAP students than last year (1,274 versus 1,303 last year) with an admit rate of 69%. 91% of those students were admitted to their first choice major. We admitted 373 URM students, down just over 400 last year.

Finally, to ensure that we fill every possible space in our transfer class, we will utilize a waitlist again for F19. As with our freshman waitlist, students are required to “opt in” to the WL by May 15th. If we find that we have unfilled capacity in our class closer to the June 1st commitment deadline, we will select students from the “opt-in” group.

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I provided the earlier update to add context to what I will share here. Following the June 1st commitment deadline, we utilized our waitlist to admit and enroll the students needed to achieve our enrollment targets. This was by design with a focus on achieving our enrollment target without overenrolling as we had in fall 2018. Ultimately, we admitted just over 400 students from the waitlist with roughly 60 of those being TAP students. This means that our TAP admit total for fall 2019 actually exceeded the admit total for fall 2018 (by about 30, but
more is more). Overall, the final admit rate for TAP students was 74% (versus the 69% originally reported at our earlier update).

I am happy to report that our enrollment among TAP students increased for fall 2019 to 954 students (up from 923 for fall 2018). And while the number of underrepresented students among the TAP cohort fell short of last year’s total (273 for F19 versus 295 for F18), it represents a largest number in the last five years, save fall 2018. We did, however, see an increase in the number of African American enrolling TAP students...46 total, up from 40 last year. First generation and low income enrollment numbers were down slightly both in total numbers and as a percentage of enrolling TAP students. Roughly 1/3 low income (36% for fall 2018) and 42% first gen (down from 45% for F18).