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The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Joint Legislative Budget Committee
1020 N Street, Room 553
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Dear Senator Skinner:

Pursuant to Section 66721.9 of the Education Code, enclosed is the University of California's annual report to the Legislature on *Data on Student Transfers*.

If you have any questions, Associate Vice President David Alcocer would be pleased to speak with you. David can be reached by telephone at (510) 987-9113, or by email at David.Alcocer@ucop.edu.

Sincerely,

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Data on Student Transfers 2018–2020

The following report is provided pursuant to Section 66721.9 to the Education Code as amended in 2016 (**AB 2137**), which states:

(a) The Regents of the University of California are hereby requested to submit an annual report to the Legislature, in accordance with Section 9795 of the Government Code, on or before March 1 in each year from 2017 to 2022, inclusive, on all of the following:

(1) (A) The number of students who reported to the University of California on their admissions application that they received an associate degree for transfer and who were granted admission to the University of California, along with the average community college grade point average of these students, broken down by University of California campus.

(B) The admissions rate and yield rate for students who reported to the University of California on their admissions application that they received an associate degree for transfer, broken down by University of California campus.

(C) The number of students who reported to the University of California on their admissions application that they received an associate degree for transfer and who enrolled at the University of California, along with the average community college grade point average of these students, broken down by University of California campus.

(D) The number of students who reported to the University of California on their admissions application that they received an associate degree for transfer and who graduated from the University of California within two or three academic years for the cohort graduating in the year of the report, broken down by University of California campus.

(2) (A) The number of students who used the transfer admission guarantee and who were granted admission to the University of California, along with the average community college grade point average of these students, broken down by University of California campus.

(B) The admissions rate and yield rate for students who used the transfer admission guarantee, broken down by University of California campus.

(C) The number of students who used the transfer admission guarantee and who enrolled at the University of California, along with the average community college grade point average of these students, broken down by University of California campus.

(D) The number of students who used the transfer admission guarantee and who graduated from the University of California within two or three academic years for the cohort graduating in the year of the report, broken down by University of California campus.

(b) Beginning on or before March 1, 2019, the annual report to the Legislature pursuant to subdivision (a) is requested to include all of the following:

(1) The number of students who used a UC Transfer Pathway and who were granted admission to the University of California, along with the average community college grade point average of these students, broken down by University of California campus.

(2) The admissions rate and yield rate for students who used a UC Transfer Pathway, broken down by University of California campus.

(3) The number of students who used a UC Transfer Pathway who enrolled at the University of California, along with the average community college grade point average of these students, broken down by University of California campus.

(4) The number of students who used a UC Transfer Pathway and who graduated from the University of California within two or three academic years for the cohort graduating in the year of the report, broken down by University of California campus.

(c) To the extent that the University of California has this information, each category reported pursuant to this section is requested to be broken down by student ethnicity.

(d) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this section is repealed on January 1, 2024.

This document is the annual report responding to this legislative request.

Background

Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)

In 2010, the California legislature enacted SB 1440, which required community colleges to develop 60-unit Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) that include general education requirements and a minimum of 18 units in a major or area of emphasis. Under the legislation, the California State University is required to admit a student who earns one of these degrees to one of its campuses as a junior, and the University of California is requested to consider this achievement in its admission process. Under the University of California's (UC's) comprehensive review policy adopted by the UC faculty, the ADT is among the nine criteria that campuses are able to use to select their admitted class when they receive more minimally qualified applicants than they can admit. UC began requesting self-reported ADT completion information on the fall 2014 application for undergraduate admission. The accuracy of the self-reported data from the application is uncertain at the time of admission, as it cannot be verified until the student completes the academic program at the community college. UC campuses may verify the self-reported data post-enrollment. For fall 2020, about 99 percent of applicants reporting an ADT also report participation/completion of another transfer preparation program such as the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), a UC Transfer Admission Guarantee, and/or a UC Transfer Pathway.

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

The Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program guarantees community college students admission to their top choice UC campus if they meet specified conditions. All undergraduate campuses participate in the program except Berkeley, UCLA, and San Diego. By participating in the TAG program, students can ensure their admission to a specific UC campus, some of which offer an early review of a student's academic record, early admission notification, and specific guidance on major preparation and general education coursework. Students may only apply for a TAG at one UC campus, but may apply to as many additional UC campuses without a TAG as they wish. Students who are admitted with a TAG are not required to attend that campus.

Campuses specify the majors that participate in a TAG and the requirements for guaranteed admission in each major. Qualifications for a TAG may include: completion of specific lower-division general education and/or major-preparation courses, minimum GPA, and minimum numbers of UC transferable units. Once a TAG is approved, students must fulfill all remaining coursework and GPA requirements designated on the TAG agreement to maintain their guaranteed offer of admission. When a student does not satisfy the conditions of the TAG contract prior to enrollment, his/her admission may be rescinded.

UC Transfer Pathways

Developed in 2015, the UC Transfer Pathways identify a common set of lower-division preparatory courses for 20 of UC's most popular majors. California Community College students who complete Pathway course requirements and general education courses with a satisfactory GPA would be well-prepared for junior-level transfer to any UC campus in that major. Under UC's Comprehensive Review policy, completion of a UC Transfer Pathway is among the nine criteria campuses are able to use to select their admitted class when they receive more minimally qualified applicants than they can admit. UC began requesting self-reported Pathway completion information on the fall 2017 application for undergraduate admission. The accuracy of the self-reported data from the application is uncertain at the time of admission as it cannot be verified until the student completes the academic program at the community college. UC campuses may verify the self-reported data post-enrollment. For fall 2020, about 97 percent of applicants reporting completion of a UC Pathway also report

participation/completion of another transfer preparation program such as IGETC, a UC Transfer Admission Guarantee, and/or an ADT.

Data Outcomes

Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) – see Table 1

As noted above, UC began collecting data on ADT completion from transfer applicants in 2014. The ADT information is self-reported by the applicant and unverified. There is no requirement for the student to apply to the same major as the ADT. Therefore, it should be stressed that the validity of the outcome data is uncertain and in no way confirms a causal relationship. For fall 2020, 16,701 community college transfer students reported plans to complete an ADT on their application. This is an increase from 2019 (14,071) and from 2018 (12,887). In 2020, 89 students (out of 9,253) enrolled with only an ADT and without any other transfer preparation. Therefore, the outcomes described below reflect students not only with an ADT, but a vast majority who have additional transfer preparation.

The admission rate for students reporting an ADT to the UC system was 78 percent in 2020, up slightly from 2019 and 2018 (both 77%). In 2020, the average self-reported GPA for admitted students with an ADT universitywide was 3.49 and ranged from 3.29 at Merced to 3.80 at UCLA. About 71 percent of students reporting completion of an ADT and who were admitted to UC enrolled at the university. The two-year graduation rate for students entering UC reporting an ADT in 2018 is 64 percent, which exceeds the overall two-year graduation rate for transfers of 59 percent.¹ UCLA graduated the highest percentage of transfers with an ADT after two years with 76 percent, followed by Santa Barbara with 66 percent.

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) – see Table 2

The majority of transfer students admitted to UC are admitted without a TAG. However, over the last three years, the number of students applying to UC with a TAG has grown from 9,459 in 2018 to 11,156 in 2020. The campus receiving the most TAG applicants in 2020 was Davis with 3,259 followed by Santa Barbara with 2,870 and Irvine with 2,469 TAG applicants. The average self-reported GPA for applicants universitywide with a TAG increased in 2020 to 3.62 from 3.61 in 2019.

“Guaranteed” admission is very powerful for prospective UC transfer applicants but also allows them to be strategic in applying to UC. With the guarantee in hand at one campus, students often apply to other UC campuses without risk, as the TAG does not bind a student to attend the TAG campus if admitted to another UC campus. The higher level of academic achievement and preparation of TAG applicants also positions the students to have several options post-community college. Thus, the yield rates for TAG admits to their TAG campus may seem lower than expected, ranging from 27 percent at Santa Barbara to 47 percent at Davis in 2020. However, the yield rate to the university as a whole for 2020 TAG students was 83 percent, demonstrating that the majority of these applicants have multiple enrollment options within the UC system. The two-year graduation rate for students entering UC with a TAG in 2018 is 64 percent, which exceeds the overall two-year graduation rate of 59 percent. Santa Barbara graduated the highest percentage at 71 percent (627 students) in two years followed by Riverside at 66 percent (132 students).

¹ According to the 2020 Accountability Report, UC’s current two-year graduation rate for transfers is 59 percent. <https://accountability.universityofcalifornia.edu/2020/chapters/chapter-3.html#3.1.3>

UC Transfer Pathways – see Table 3

As noted above, UC began collecting data on completion of UC Transfer Pathways from transfer applicants in 2017. The information on Pathway completion is self-reported by the applicant and unverified. There is no requirement for the student to apply to the same major as the Pathway. Therefore, it should be stressed that the validity of the admission and enrollment data is uncertain and in no way confirms a causal relationship. For 2020, 16,039 California Community College students reported completing a UC Transfer Pathway, down from 16,390 in 2019 and up from 15,534 in 2018. Universitywide in 2020, 74 percent of these students were admitted and 63 percent of those admitted ultimately enrolled at UC. The average self-reported GPA among admitted students universitywide was 3.52. The two-year graduation rate for students who entered UC in 2018 and reported completing a UC Transfer Pathway is 64 percent, above the two-year graduation rate for all transfers of 59 percent.

Table 1
University of California
CCC Students Reporting an Associate Degree for Transfer

		Fall 2018		Fall 2019			Fall 2020			
		Counts	Admit, Yield & Grad Rates	Average GPA	Counts	Admit & Yield Rates	Average GPA	Counts	Admit & Yield Rates	Average GPA
Universitywide	Applicants	12,887		3.36	14,071		3.38	16,701		3.40
	Admits	9,980	77%	3.45	10,850	77%	3.48	13,005	78%	3.49
	Enrolled	7,221	72%	3.49	7,852	72%	3.51	9,253	71%	3.52
	Graduated (2 yrs)	4,609	64%	3.52						
Berkeley	Applicants	5,913		3.49	6,272		3.51	7,702		3.51
	Admits	1,396	24%	3.77	1,642	26%	3.78	1,841	24%	3.77
	Enrolled	817	59%	3.74	948	58%	3.76	1,052	57%	3.74
	Graduated (2 yrs)	515	63%	3.77						
Davis	Applicants	5,409		3.38	5,651		3.41	6,790		3.42
	Admits	3,413	63%	3.56	3,564	63%	3.57	4,159	61%	3.59
	Enrolled	1,015	30%	3.45	1,080	30%	3.44	1,224	29%	3.49
	Graduated (2 yrs)	638	63%	3.48						
Irvine	Applicants	6,645		3.37	7,260		3.40	9,290		3.40
	Admits	3,139	47%	3.60	3,615	50%	3.61	4,148	45%	3.67
	Enrolled	900	29%	3.51	1,099	30%	3.50	1,167	28%	3.57
	Graduated (2 yrs)	559	62%	3.54						
Los Angeles	Applicants	7,383		3.45	8,126		3.47	9,932		3.48
	Admits	1,980	27%	3.77	2,101	26%	3.81	2,750	28%	3.80
	Enrolled	1,168	59%	3.75	1,282	61%	3.80	1,622	59%	3.78
	Graduated (2 yrs)	885	76%	3.76						
Merced	Applicants	1,293		3.15	1,475		3.15	1,692		3.19
	Admits	856	66%	3.26	932	63%	3.27	1,087	64%	3.29
	Enrolled	79	9%	3.18	89	10%	3.22	99	9%	3.17
	Graduated (2 yrs)	32	41%	3.21						
Riverside	Applicants	4,238		3.20	4,711		3.23	5,966		3.25
	Admits	3,062	72%	3.29	3,486	74%	3.31	4,227	71%	3.34
	Enrolled	733	24%	3.12	868	25%	3.15	1,012	24%	3.15
	Graduated (2 yrs)	465	63%	3.16				0	0%	.
San Diego	Applicants	5,724		3.41	6,239		3.43	7,879		3.42
	Admits	2,992	52%	3.62	3,707	59%	3.62	4,609	58%	3.64
	Enrolled	959	32%	3.50	1,089	29%	3.50	1,262	27%	3.51
	Graduated (2 yrs)	529	55%	3.53						
Santa Barbara	Applicants	5,907		3.38	6,515		3.40	7,498		3.43
	Admits	3,696	63%	3.57	3,706	57%	3.64	4,926	66%	3.61
	Enrolled	935	25%	3.46	890	24%	3.51	1,152	23%	3.48
	Graduated (2 yrs)	615	66%	3.49						
Santa Cruz	Applicants	3,884		3.27	4,105		3.28	5,013		3.30
	Admits	2,770	71%	3.36	2,707	66%	3.39	3,512	70%	3.39
	Enrolled	615	22%	3.16	507	19%	3.17	663	19%	3.16
	Graduated (2 yrs)	371	60%	3.18						

SOURCE: University of California Office of the President, Graduate, Undergraduate and Equity Affairs, Admissions, Fall 2018, 2019 & 2020 UC DW & ApplyUC

Table 2
University of California
Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

		Fall 2018			Fall 2019			Fall 2020		
		Counts	Admit, Yield & Grad Rates	Average GPA	Counts	Admit & Yield Rates	Average GPA	Counts	Admit & Yield Rates	Average GPA
Universitywide	Applicants	9,459		3.62	10,796		3.61	11,156		3.62
	Admits (TAG)	9,253	98%	3.62	10,755	100%	3.61	11,095	99%	3.63
	Enrolled (TAG)	3,789	41%	3.56	4,412	41%	3.54	4,249	38%	3.55
	Graduated (2 yrs)	2,428	64%	3.58						
	Admits (any UC)	9,334	99%	3.62	10,774	100%	3.61	11,121	100%	3.63
	Enrolled (any UC)	7,963	85%	3.63	9,034	84%	3.62	9,233	83%	3.63
Davis	Applicants	2,956		3.64	2,967		3.66	3,259		3.65
	Admits	2,816	95%	3.65	2,967	100%	3.66	3,259	100%	3.65
	Enrolled	1,343	48%	3.59	1,358	46%	3.60	1,535	47%	3.60
	Graduated (2 yrs)	862	64%	3.62						
Irvine	Applicants	2,428		3.73	2,813		3.74	2,469		3.75
	Admits	2,424	100%	3.73	2,797	99%	3.74	2,462	100%	3.75
	Enrolled	969	40%	3.66	1,206	43%	3.69	902	37%	3.69
	Graduated (2 yrs)	550	57%	3.69						
Merced	Applicants	53		3.31	78		3.33	79		3.42
	Admits	53	100%	3.31	69	88%	3.35	74	94%	3.44
	Enrolled	17	32%	3.43	18	26%	3.43	25	34%	3.48
	Graduated (2 yrs)	11	65%	3.43						
Riverside	Applicants	546		3.32	876		3.34	981		3.35
	Admits	539	99%	3.32	860	98%	3.34	966	98%	3.35
	Enrolled	201	37%	3.33	356	41%	3.29	396	41%	3.31
	Graduated (2 yrs)	132	66%	3.39						
Santa Barbara	Applicants	2,541		3.62	2,716		3.65	2,870		3.73
	Admits	2,541	100%	3.62	2,716	100%	3.65	2,870	100%	3.73
	Enrolled	882	35%	3.53	919	34%	3.54	782	27%	3.65
	Graduated (2 yrs)	627	71%	3.54						
Santa Cruz	Applicants	935		3.42	1,346		3.35	1,498		3.35
	Admits	880	94%	3.43	1,346	100%	3.35	1,464	98%	3.35
	Enrolled	377	43%	3.39	555	41%	3.27	609	42%	3.28
	Graduated (2 yrs)	246	65%	3.39						

SOURCE: University of California Office of the President, Graduate, Undergraduate and Equity Affairs, Admissions, F18, F19, F20 UCW & ApplyUC

Table 3
University of California
CCC Students Reporting a Pathways Major for Transfer

		Fall 2018			Fall 2019			Fall 2020		
		Counts	Admit, Yield & Grad Rates	Average GPA	Counts	Admit & Yield Rates	Average GPA	Counts	Admit & Yield Rates	Average GPA
Universitywide	Applicants	15,534		3.39	16,390		3.40	16,039		3.41
	Admits	11,583	75%	3.49	12,147	74%	3.50	11,949	74%	3.52
	Enrolled	7,452	64%	3.51	7,659	63%	3.53	7,558	63%	3.53
	Graduated (2 yrs)	4,774	64%	3.55						
Berkeley	Applicants	5,859		3.53	6,024		3.53	6,308		3.54
	Admits	1,347	23%	3.81	1,507	25%	3.79	1,446	23%	3.79
	Enrolled	749	56%	3.78	866	57%	3.78	816	56%	3.76
	Graduated (2 yrs)	507	68%	3.80						
Davis	Applicants	5,903		3.43	6,134		3.44	6,150		3.45
	Admits	3,787	64%	3.59	3,856	63%	3.60	3,754	61%	3.62
	Enrolled	1,084	29%	3.48	1,089	28%	3.46	1,006	27%	3.49
	Graduated (2 yrs)	685	63%	3.53						
Irvine	Applicants	7,471		3.41	7,698		3.42	8,270		3.43
	Admits	3,617	48%	3.63	3,715	48%	3.63	3,518	43%	3.71
	Enrolled	997	28%	3.53	1,062	29%	3.52	855	24%	3.62
	Graduated (2 yrs)	630	63%	3.54	19	2%	3.66			
Los Angeles	Applicants	7,226		3.48	7,627		3.49	7,418		3.50
	Admits	2,095	29%	3.79	2,037	27%	3.83	2,324	31%	3.81
	Enrolled	1,293	62%	3.77	1,274	63%	3.82	1,434	62%	3.79
	Graduated (2 yrs)	964	75%	3.78						
Merced	Applicants	1,219		3.17	1,403		3.17	1,374	1	3.15
	Admits	848	70%	3.30	927	66%	3.28	859	63%	3.28
	Enrolled	68	8%	3.14	91	10%	3.19	75	9%	3.11
	Graduated (2 yrs)	29	43%	3.20				0	0%	.
Riverside	Applicants	4,582		3.24	4,865		3.26	5,289		3.26
	Admits	3,288	72%	3.34	3,631	75%	3.33	3,704	70%	3.36
	Enrolled	752	23%	3.15	849	23%	3.16	922	25%	3.16
	Graduated (2 yrs)	462	61%	3.21	5	1%	3.15			
San Diego	Applicants	5,989		3.45	6,330		3.45	6,079	1	3.46
	Admits	3,174	53%	3.64	3,753	59%	3.64	3,487	57%	3.67
	Enrolled	1,014	32%	3.55	1,104	29%	3.55	962	28%	3.58
	Graduated (2 yrs)	552	54%	3.57				0	0%	.
Santa Barbara	Applicants	5,803		3.40	6,323		3.42	5,954	1	3.45
	Admits	3,487	60%	3.59	3,412	54%	3.65	3,723	63%	3.63
	Enrolled	849	24%	3.44	744	22%	3.50	821	22%	3.47
	Graduated (2 yrs)	557	66%	3.46						
Santa Cruz	Applicants	4,330		3.29	4,590		3.30	4,623		3.31
	Admits	3,178	73%	3.39	3,113	68%	3.41	3,237	70%	3.41
	Enrolled	646	20%	3.19	581	19%	3.22	667	21%	3.21
	Graduated (2 yrs)	388	60%	3.21						

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