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April 4, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Joint Legislative Budget Committee
1020 N Street, Room 553
Sacramento, California 95814

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 regarding this report, Associate Vice President David Alcocer would be pleased to speak with you. David can be reached by telephone at (510) 987-9113, or by e-mail at David.Alcocer@ucop.edu.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Senate Budget and Fiscal Review
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Data on Student Transfers 2019–2021

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 UC faculty, the ADT is among the nine criteria that campuses can 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 2021, 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 the TAG program and the requirements for guaranteed admission in each major. Qualifications for a TAG may include: 1) completion of specific lower-division general education and/or major-preparation courses, 2) minimum GPA, and/or 3) 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 can 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 2021, about 98 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 does not confirm a causal relationship. For fall 2021, 19,015 community college transfer students reported plans to complete an ADT on their application. This is an increase from 2020 (16,701) and from 2019 (14,071). In 2021, 107 students (out of 9,811 reporting an ADT) 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 75 percent in 2021, down from 2020 and 2019 (78 percent and 77 percent, respectively). In 2021, the average self-reported GPA for admitted students with an ADT universitywide was 3.57 and ranged from 3.36 at Merced to 3.86 at UCLA. About 69 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 2019 is 65 percent, which exceeds the overall two-year graduation rate for transfers of 63 percent.¹ UCLA graduated the highest percentage of transfers with an ADT after two years with 77 percent, followed by Irvine with 67 percent.

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) — see Table 2

Most 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 10,787 in 2019 to 13,031 in 2021. The campus receiving the most TAG applicants in 2021 was Davis with 3,494, followed by Irvine with 3,413 and Santa Barbara with 3,370 TAG applicants. The average self-reported GPA for applicants universitywide with a TAG increased in 2021 to 3.67 from 3.62 in 2020.

The psychological impact of “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 33 percent at Santa Barbara to 47 percent at Davis in 2021. However, the yield rate to the university for 2021 TAG students was 82 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 2019 is 66 percent, which exceeds the overall two-year graduation rate of 63 percent. Santa Barbara graduated the highest percentage at 70 percent (644 students) in two years, followed by Davis at 67 percent (914 students).

UC Transfer Pathways — see Table 3

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

¹ UC’s two-year graduation rate for the fall 2019 entering transfer cohort is 62.8 percent.
<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/ug-outcomes>

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 does not confirm a causal relationship. For 2021, 16,992 California community college students reported completing a UC Transfer Pathway, up from 16,353 in 2020 and 16,436 in 2019. Universitywide in 2021, 71 percent of these students were admitted and 60 percent of those admitted ultimately enrolled at UC. The average self-reported GPA among admitted students universitywide was 3.59. The two-year graduation rate for students who entered UC in 2019 and reported completing a UC Transfer Pathway was 66 percent, above the two-year graduation rate for all transfers at 63 percent.

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

		Fall 2019			Fall 2020			Fall 2021		
		Counts	Admit, Yield & Grad Rates	Average GPA	Counts	Admit & Yield Rates	Average GPA	Counts	Admit & Yield Rates	Average GPA
Universitywide	Applicants	14,071		3.38	16,701		3.40	19,015		3.47
	Admits	10,850	77%	3.48	13,005	78%	3.49	14,210	75%	3.57
	Enrolled	7,852	72%	3.51	9,253	71%	3.52	9,811	69%	3.60
	Graduated (2 yrs)	5,134	65%	3.55						
Berkeley	Applicants	6,272		3.51	7,702		3.51	8,637		3.58
	Admits	1,642	26%	3.78	1,841	24%	3.77	1,999	23%	3.79
	Enrolled	948	58%	3.76	1,052	57%	3.74	1,162	58%	3.77
	Graduated (2 yrs)	591	62%	3.78						
Davis	Applicants	5,651		3.41	6,790		3.42	7,577		3.50
	Admits	3,564	63%	3.57	4,159	61%	3.59	4,361	58%	3.65
	Enrolled	1,080	30%	3.44	1,224	29%	3.49	1,306	30%	3.56
	Graduated (2 yrs)	660	61%	3.48						
Irvine	Applicants	7,260		3.40	9,290		3.40	10,645		3.49
	Admits	3,615	50%	3.61	4,148	45%	3.67	4,404	41%	3.75
	Enrolled	1,099	30%	3.50	1,167	28%	3.57	1,293	29%	3.67
	Graduated (2 yrs)	736	67%	3.52						
Los Angeles	Applicants	8,126		3.47	9,932		3.48	11,373		3.54
	Admits	2,101	26%	3.81	2,750	28%	3.80	2,584	23%	3.86
	Enrolled	1,282	61%	3.80	1,622	59%	3.78	1,611	62%	3.85
	Graduated (2 yrs)	986	77%	3.81						
Merced	Applicants	1,475		3.15	1,692		3.19	2,241		3.27
	Admits	932	63%	3.27	1,087	64%	3.29	1,593	71%	3.36
	Enrolled	89	10%	3.22	99	9%	3.17	158	10%	3.21
	Graduated (2 yrs)	45	51%	3.23						
Riverside	Applicants	4,711		3.23	5,966		3.25	6,793		3.34
	Admits	3,486	74%	3.31	4,227	71%	3.34	4,662	69%	3.45
	Enrolled	868	25%	3.15	1,012	24%	3.15	1,081	23%	3.28
	Graduated (2 yrs)	546	63%	3.20						
San Diego	Applicants	6,239		3.43	7,879		3.42	8,990		3.50
	Admits	3,707	59%	3.62	4,609	58%	3.64	5,359	60%	3.69
	Enrolled	1,089	29%	3.50	1,262	27%	3.51	1,427	27%	3.57
	Graduated (2 yrs)	694	64%	3.52						
Santa Barbara	Applicants	6,515		3.40	7,498		3.43	8,616		3.50
	Admits	3,706	57%	3.64	4,926	66%	3.61	4,452	52%	3.75
	Enrolled	890	24%	3.51	1,152	23%	3.48	994	22%	3.67
	Graduated (2 yrs)	565	63%	3.54						
Santa Cruz	Applicants	4,105		3.28	5,013		3.30	5,707		3.38
	Admits	2,707	66%	3.39	3,512	70%	3.39	3,712	65%	3.46
	Enrolled	507	19%	3.17	663	19%	3.16	780	21%	3.25
	Graduated (2 yrs)	311	61%	3.22						

SOURCE: University of California Office of the President, Graduate, Undergraduate and Equity Affairs, Admissions, F19, F20, F21 UCDW & ApplyUC

Table 2
University of California
Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

		Fall 2019			Fall 2020			Fall 2021		
		Counts	Admit, Yield & Grad Rates	Average GPA	Counts	Admit & Yield Rates	Average GPA	Counts	Admit & Yield Rates	Average GPA
Universitywide	Applicants	10,787		3.61	11,148		3.62	13,031		3.67
	Admits (TAG)	10,746	100%	3.61	11,087	99%	3.63	12,879	99%	3.67
	Enrolled (TAG)	4,410	41%	3.54	4,245	38%	3.55	5,190	40%	3.60
	Graduated (2 yrs)	2,919	66%	3.57						
	Admits (any UC)	10,765	100%	3.61	11,113	100%	3.63	12,949	99%	3.67
	Enrolled (any UC)	9,028	84%	3.62	9,228	83%	3.63	10,563	82%	3.68
Davis	Applicants	2,966		3.66	3,258		3.65	3,494		3.70
	Admits	2,966	100%	3.66	3,258	100%	3.65	3,462	99%	3.70
	Enrolled	1,358	46%	3.60	1,535	47%	3.60	1,627	47%	3.64
	Graduated (2 yrs)	914	67%	3.61						
Irvine	Applicants	2,811		3.74	2,467		3.75	3,413		3.77
	Admits	2,795	99%	3.74	2,460	100%	3.75	3,378	99%	3.77
	Enrolled	1,205	43%	3.69	901	37%	3.69	1,304	39%	3.72
	Graduated (2 yrs)	785	65%	3.71						
Merced	Applicants	78		3.33	79		3.42	65		3.49
	Admits	69	88%	3.35	74	94%	3.44	63	97%	3.48
	Enrolled	18	26%	3.43	25	34%	3.48	23	37%	3.52
	Graduated (2 yrs)	7	39%	3.47						
Riverside	Applicants	876		3.34	980		3.35	1,245		3.42
	Admits	860	98%	3.34	965	98%	3.35	1,220	98%	3.42
	Enrolled	356	41%	3.29	395	41%	3.31	517	42%	3.35
	Graduated (2 yrs)	225	63%	3.31						
Santa Barbara	Applicants	2,712		3.65	2,869		3.73	3,370		3.75
	Admits	2,712	100%	3.65	2,869	100%	3.73	3,335	99%	3.75
	Enrolled	918	34%	3.54	782	27%	3.65	1,102	33%	3.68
	Graduated (2 yrs)	644	70%	3.56						
Santa Cruz	Applicants	1,344		3.35	1,495		3.35	1,444		3.41
	Admits	1,344	100%	3.35	1,461	98%	3.35	1,421	98%	3.41
	Enrolled	555	41%	3.27	607	42%	3.28	617	43%	3.33
	Graduated (2 yrs)	344	62%	3.31						

SOURCE: University of California Office of the President, Graduate, Undergraduate and Equity Affairs, Admissions, F19, F20, F21 UCDW & ApplyUC

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

		Fall 2019			Fall 2020			Fall 2021		
		Counts	Admit, Yield & Grad Rates	Average GPA	Counts	Admit & Yield Rates	Average GPA	Counts	Admit & Yield Rates	Average GPA
Universitywide	Applicants	16,436		3.40	16,353		3.41	16,992		3.48
	Admits	12,235	74%	3.50	12,162	74%	3.52	12,075	71%	3.59
	Enrolled	7,762	63%	3.53	7,682	63%	3.53	7,298	60%	3.61
	Graduated (2 yrs)	5,146	66%	3.56						
Berkeley	Applicants	6,024		3.53	6,398		3.54	6,681		3.61
	Admits	1,507	25%	3.79	1,468	23%	3.79	1,398	21%	3.80
	Enrolled	866	57%	3.78	833	57%	3.76	814	58%	3.77
	Graduated (2 yrs)	575	66%	3.79						
Davis	Applicants	6,134		3.44	6,210		3.45	6,027		3.53
	Admits	3,856	63%	3.60	3,801	61%	3.62	3,586	59%	3.68
	Enrolled	1,089	28%	3.46	1,009	27%	3.49	971	27%	3.56
	Graduated (2 yrs)	721	66%	3.49						
Irvine	Applicants	7,898		3.42	8,421		3.43	8,564		3.51
	Admits	3,875	49%	3.63	3,613	43%	3.71	3,456	40%	3.78
	Enrolled	1,141	29%	3.52	888	25%	3.61	859	25%	3.71
	Graduated (2 yrs)	767	67%	3.55						
Los Angeles	Applicants	7,627		3.49	7,660		3.50	7,972		3.56
	Admits	2,037	27%	3.83	2,328	30%	3.81	1,890	24%	3.88
	Enrolled	1,274	63%	3.82	1,438	62%	3.79	1,203	64%	3.87
	Graduated (2 yrs)	998	78%	3.83						
Merced	Applicants	1,403		3.17	1,374		3.15	1,662		3.29
	Admits	927	66%	3.28	859	63%	3.28	1,231	74%	3.37
	Enrolled	91	10%	3.19	75	9%	3.11	112	9%	3.24
	Graduated (2 yrs)	42	46%	3.19						
Riverside	Applicants	4,954		3.26	5,366		3.26	5,825		3.35
	Admits	3,707	75%	3.34	3,772	70%	3.36	3,981	68%	3.47
	Enrolled	862	23%	3.16	940	25%	3.16	941	24%	3.28
	Graduated (2 yrs)	542	63%	3.20						
San Diego	Applicants	6,330		3.45	6,224		3.45	6,736		3.53
	Admits	3,753	59%	3.64	3,562	57%	3.67	3,938	58%	3.72
	Enrolled	1,104	29%	3.55	983	28%	3.57	1,094	28%	3.64
	Graduated (2 yrs)	676	61%	3.57						
Santa Barbara	Applicants	6,323		3.42	6,044		3.45	6,410		3.52
	Admits	3,412	54%	3.65	3,790	63%	3.62	3,246	51%	3.76
	Enrolled	744	22%	3.50	840	22%	3.47	650	20%	3.66
	Graduated (2 yrs)	473	64%	3.52						
Santa Cruz	Applicants	4,546		3.30	4,694		3.31	4,875		3.39
	Admits	3,087	68%	3.41	3,303	70%	3.41	3,117	64%	3.49
	Enrolled	592	19%	3.22	676	20%	3.22	655	21%	3.32
	Graduated (2 yrs)	352	59%	3.25						

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