At its meeting on February 10, 2023, the Undergraduate Council reviewed the proposed amendments to Senate Regulations that govern undergraduate admissions, and offered the following general feedback:

- Though in agreement that standardized test scores are not always an effective and reliable indicator of student performance, members expressed concerns that their elimination from Comprehensive Review admission criteria will increasingly shrink the options available to applicants to demonstrate their skills, and may therefore exacerbate inequities among different student populations. The amendments lack information about what, if anything, will replace standardized tests in UC admissions.

- Members note that the BOARS background document states that “standardized test scores shall not be considered,” while the amendment to S.R. 419 suggests that submission of standardized test scores is optional (“Applicants for freshman admission do not need to submit standardized test scores for admission to the University”). Members suggest clarifying the language of the amendment to explicitly state that standardized test scores are eliminated from admissions criteria.

Thank you for the opportunity to opine. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via Committee Analyst Julia Nelsen at jnelsen@senate.ucla.edu.

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