

TO: Jessica Cattelino, Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

FR: Robert N. Watson, Chair, Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools

RE: **Proposed Conforming Amendments to Senate Regulations on Admission**

February 23, 2023

At its meeting on February 17, 2023, the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools (CUARS) reviewed proposed amendments to align Senate Regulations with recent policy actions by the Board of Regents related to standardized testing and associated admissions policies. Members offered the following feedback:

- Members note that the proposed amendment to Reg. 419 (“Applicants for freshman admission do not need to submit standardized test scores for admission to the University”) suggests test-optional language; this appears inconsistent with the statement in the background materials that “standardized test scores shall not be considered.” Members suggest clarifying this inconsistency.
- Members recommend replacing the broad terminology of “standardized tests” with explicit references to “SAT or ACT scores,” to distinguish the latter from other test scores that may be reported for admissions purposes (e.g., AP, International Baccalaureate, TOEFL, A-levels, etc.).

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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