

Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to Admissions Policies
March 7, 2019, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Lincoln High School

Q: Question from the public

C: Comment from the public

SJSU: Answer or comment from SJSU representatives

SJSU: Please share your questions and feedback. And I will not be sitting in the spotlight, so we'll...

Q: Are there other campuses that are doing this for 2020 as well in the CSU system?

SJSU: There are some. I don't know which ones, but every year, there are campuses that submit their proposals. You have to if you're an impacted campus. You have to present a new proposal. I don't know what changes; we're focused on ours. I haven't heard any major changes.

SJSU: The only one I know is San Francisco State is actually removing some of their impactation from some select programs. So they're going through hearings as well.

Q: Is there any reason to believe that your Chancellor's Office won't accept your proposal?

SJSU: It's definitely not a rubber-stamp yes-you-can-do-this. I know they will review if we follow-- first, we follow the process. I think that's really important. Did we get public feedback? Did we give consideration to it? And then they're looking at 23 campuses to ensure that the changes support the entire system, so it's never guaranteed.

Q: And it goes to the board for a vote or something?

SJSU: Ultimately, it has to be approved by the board of trustees, so it's presented to them is my understanding. Correct me if I'm wrong, anybody out there, but it's seal of approval, but then I think the board at least reviews it in May, as I recall.

Q: Are there any changes coming down the private UC system that we should know about? Because that should have a profound effect on our enrollment.

C: I don't know of anything specifically that-- I mean, in terms of policy, we're proposing some changes to our application. But I haven't heard any big discussions with regards to

that. Even from my campus, much of what you're doing or proposing to do is what we do anyway, so it's kind of the same thing, just in a different system.

Q: How are your transfer applications? We might as well consider some of the--

[laughter]

I'm just curious. Are you attracting all the transfer students? Are a lot of students from the Monterey Peninsula and Santa Cruz applying?

C: You may know that because of a number of reasons, we have this two-to-one proposal that the legislature put on the University of California. Technically we are to have-- for every two freshmen that start, we are to have one transfer start with us. When that proposal was-- my understanding is from when that was first discussed, it was an overall system-wide goal, which we had met as a system. Two years ago, especially when the funding started to get tight, they decided to change it to look at it campus by campus. Santa Cruz, Merced, and Riverside were not at that. So for my campus, we had to very quickly put into place some initiatives because the system wanted us to bring in more transfer students. We were able to do that in one year, but now the issue is being able to maintain that. So we opened up mid-year, which we hadn't before. There were some majors that we allowed a few lower division students to come in. So these are all things we did at the campus level. Riverside did something very similar. They had some new programs and they launched a few earlier and so forth. Merced was given kind of a pass because they're a relatively new campus and they're still building some of their programs. But the two-to-one thing is something that kind of pushed us forward with regards to transfer students. I mean, California community college students have always had priority in the admission process, but I think we became a little bit more aggressive. And you know what that means for the campus is we have to start teaching more sections at the upper division level and etc., etc. There are a lot of impacts related to just that decision by itself, but I think the campus is making a good-faith effort to try to move forward with that.

SJSU: Thank you so much. We may pull you aside to get some more details from UC Santa Cruz. But thank you for being here. Thanks to all of you. We really appreciate it. Please enjoy your evening. We'll stay here if there's any other questions, and again, thanks to Lincoln for allowing us to use this wonderful space. Hope everyone has a good night. Thank you.