

HIGHER EDUCATION: ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What Happened to the Proposal to Redirect UC and CSU Applicants to Community Colleges?



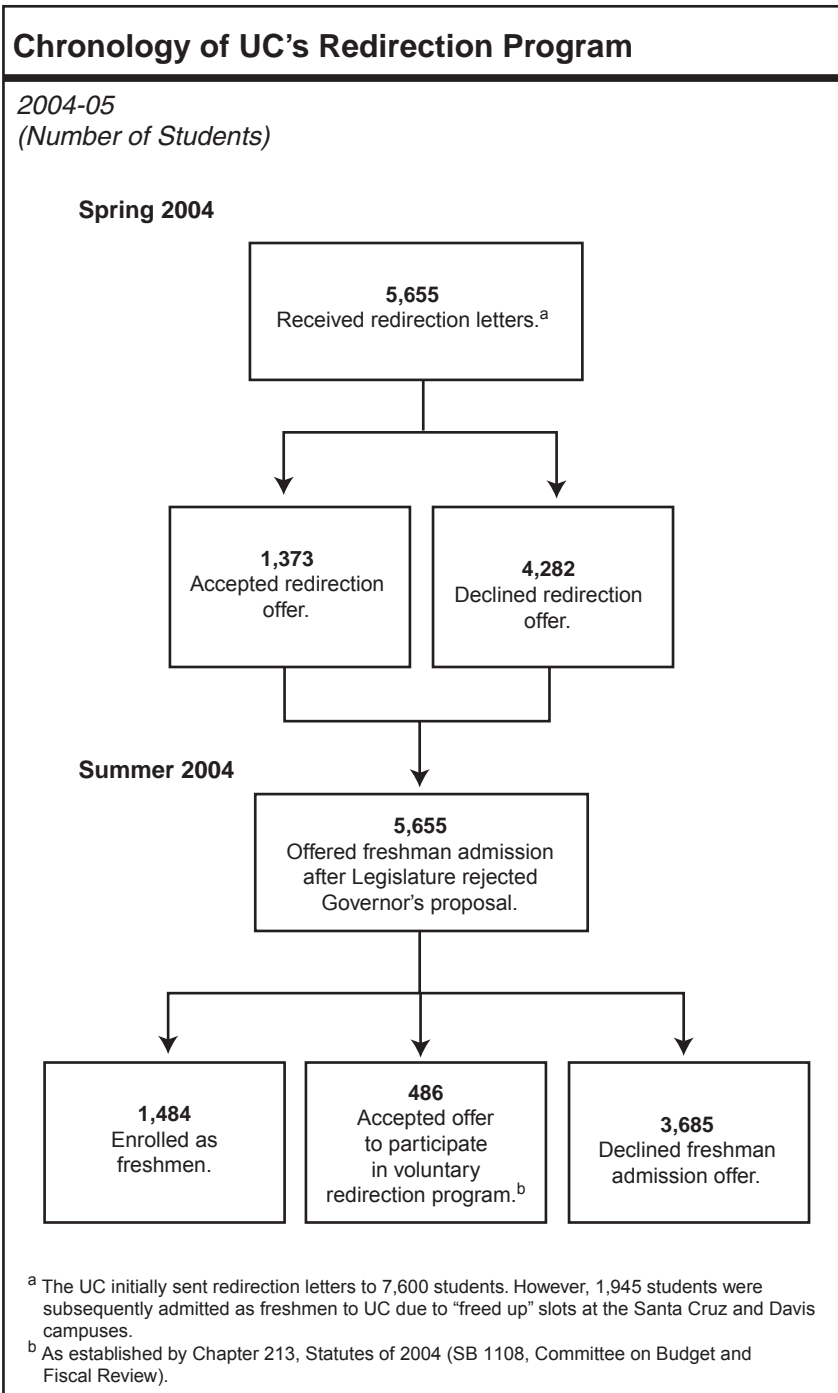
Governor's 2004-05 Budget Proposal Called for the Redirection of Students

- As a cost-cutting measure, in January 2004, the Governor proposed reducing new freshman enrollment at the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU).
- These freshmen would be redirected to the lower-cost community colleges and assured eventual admission to a UC or CSU campus after completing a transfer program.
- In recognition of the Governor's budget proposal, UC redirected eligible freshman applicants to the community colleges. In contrast, CSU did not redirect eligible applicants.



Legislature Rejected Governor's Redirection Proposal

- In enacting the 2004-05 budget, the Legislature rejected the Governor's proposal to require the redirection of freshman enrollment and called for UC and CSU to accommodate all eligible students.
- Subsequently, as detailed in the figure on the next page, UC offered freshman admission to all redirected students. Students were admitted to one of the eight UC campuses (which might not be a campus to which a student had applied).
- All redirected students still were provided the option to first attend a community college as part of a *voluntary* redirection program established by Chapter 213, Statutes of 2004 (SB 1108, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review).
- Students participating in the program in 2004-05 will have their fees waived during their first two years at a community college. After 2004-05, only financially needy students will have their community college fees waived.



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