

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Annual Report

Major issues of concern discussed at meetings of the Faculty Admissions Committee during the 1989-90 academic year included:

1. the statistical profile of the 1989 freshman class and the impact of more stringent entrance requirements;
2. innovations in recruiting efforts, which are of particular concern with the current dip in the number of eighteen-year-olds;
3. the concept of enrollment management, as well as the need for increased faculty involvement in attracting qualified students;
4. the findings of the Ad Hoc committee on undergraduate admissions, a subcommittee of the University Self-Study;
5. the problems of the academic "boat people," who are eligible to continue at the University, but not in their chosen major;
6. the need for clarification on which courses meet the "Other" category in the courses required for admission;
7. the need to address the variations in social studies curricula at out-of-state and at private high schools;
8. the intent and the application of the pgpr as part of the evaluation process;
9. the need to expedite evaluation of transcripts as a means of attracting qualified transfer students;
10. the closing and the subsequent reopening of admissions for the fall 1989 freshman class;
11. the options open to the various colleges in setting admission requirements over and above the university requirements.

The following actions were taken by the committee:

1. approved physical science to satisfy part of the "other" requirement, if it is a college preparatory laboratory science;
2. approved computer science as one of the "other" units if it is a mathematically-based college preparatory course;
3. approved the implementation of an Admission Index to replace the old pgpr;
4. presented a proposal to Faculty Senate to change the social studies requirement from specific courses to three units of social studies with no specific course requirements, which proposal was ultimately passed by the Senate;
5. approved the use of theory, history and appreciation courses in art and music to satisfy the "other" requirement;
6. issued a statement in opposition to the closing and later reopening of freshman admissions within one admissions cycle;
7. made individual decisions on various appeals for exceptions to the admission requirements;
8. ruled that "Introduction to Geometry" was not a college preparatory course, and could not be used to satisfy admission requirements;
9. expressed appreciation to Debbie Haynes upon her announcement that she was leaving the position of Admissions Director to become Director of Academic Support Services at the University;
10. elected Mary Ellen O'Leary as Chair for the 1990-91 academic year.

Committee members included:

Jim Burns, Ann Dreher, Sarah Fuller, Debbie Haynes, Ex Officio, Pat McNeely, Mary Ellen O'Leary, Chair, John Olsgaard, William Phillips, Mike Robinson, Elmer Schwartz, and Marcia Synnott.