Committee on Undergraduate Admissions Standards

1. The major focus of the committee this year has been the ongoing study of the success of transfer students that come to UM-Flint. Fawn Skarsten and Dan Getty from Institutional Analysis presented a multitude of data and continued to gather new data for each meeting to answer faculty and ex officio member questions.

2. The committee met three times this year – September 18, 2014, October 23, 2014, and April 6, 2015.

3. After Keith Moreland was appointed to as Interim Dean of SHPS, Greg Laurence replaced him as the SOM member on the committee.

4. At the September meeting, we discussed the use of weighted GPAs in the admission process. The committee gave their endorsement to Jon Davidson to go forward with trying to implement stopping the truncation of GPA grades above 4.0 and to record the weighted GPAs.

5. Between the September and October meetings, Dan Abrams asked the committee to weigh in on the proposed English Language policies for Brazilian students that study science here at UM-Flint for one semester to one year. We voted by qualtrics survey, with four faculty supporting the policy and one abstaining.

6. In January, we examined the role of the committee and whether the faculty code description of the committee matches what is actually done on this committee. This is a relatively newly formed University committee, so the description still closely matches our duties. The report was submitted to Faculty Council in January.

7. In March, Dan Getty began presenting our desired data in Tableau. This allowed those of us on the committee to look at the data and manipulate it ourselves ahead of the meeting. Those in attendance at the April 6 meeting appreciated being able to analyze the data in such a way.

8. The committee was close to making a recommendation to the Office of Admissions about transfer student admissions standards at the April 6 meeting. However, after being made aware of all of the work being done by the Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) groups, we decided to wait on the recommendation until after the reports of the SEM groups in the fall.

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