

Motion re Special Talent Admissions

Approved by Admissions & Standards, December 2013

Approved by University Senate, January 2014

Effective Spring 2014

Motion: The Special Talent Admissions policy is revised as follows:

Special Talent Admissions Policy

Students with special talents who do not meet the university admission standards ~~will be~~ considered through a special admissions review process. Applications for students in this category are reviewed by a subcommittee of the ~~university~~ University Senate Committee on Admissions and Standards ~~Committee~~. In their determinations, the committee will review grade point average, ~~rank in class~~, test scores, grades in Math and English, ~~as well as~~ and other relevant factors. ~~They may also review diagnostic test scores (COMPASS).~~

The Committee ~~shall be~~ comprised of voting and ex-officio (non-voting) members. Voting members include five faculty and a representative selected by the Athletic Department. Voting members of the committee ~~will~~ serve two year staggered terms. The Senate Committee on Admissions and Standards ~~shall~~ appoints five faculty members. A representative of the School of Music should be among the faculty appointees. It is expected that members of the Admissions and Standards Committee will be among the other faculty appointees. The ex-officio members of the Committee are the Admissions Director and the Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance, both of whom have permanent appointments to the committee.

The committee members ~~will~~ recommend to the Provost ~~& Vice President~~ for Academic Affairs those students whom they determine have a reasonable chance of academic success at Georgia State University. Recommendations ~~will~~ include the committee's rationale for each student.

Scholarship offers to student athletes and musicians are contingent upon admission to the university. Coaches, music professors, or other representatives of the university may not promise admission to the university to recruited students prior to formal admission approval by the appropriate process. ~~Recruited students who do not meet regular admission requirements and are admitted through the established process as special admits must sign an admissions contract agreeing to terms developed by the Department of Learning Support Programs to meet individuals students academic needs.~~

APPEALS

Decisions to deny admission by the Office of Admissions may be appealed by the chair of an academic department or the Athletic Director to the Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Services Provost.

REPORTS

Admissions reports as well as rosters of both admitted and denied students under the process for the previous five to seven years should be compiled on an annual basis by the Office of the Director of Admissions, and distributed to:

1. President
- ~~1. Provost~~
2. Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Services
- ~~3. Undergraduate College Deans~~
2. Chair, Senate Committee on Admissions & Standards
- ~~5. Chair, Senate Committee on Athletics~~
- ~~6. Department Chairs as appropriate~~

The reports will indicate all relevant admissions data, as well as GSU academic performance.

Rationale: This motion corrects titles, makes minor editorial changes for clarity, and reflects current practice. No substantive change.