SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS AND STANDARDS
February 22, 2017


Minutes of the Meeting
The minutes of the January 25, 2017 meeting were approved as amended. The attendance list was corrected to reflect the attendance of Alice Pierce and the removal of Chandra Breaux as attending.

Honors College Admissions Standards
Sara Cook presented the motion to revise Honors College Atlanta campus, transfer and Perimeter College transition student admissions standards. The motion was approved as amended pending wordsmithing. The motion below is the revised document.

Effective fall 2017
Section 1700 of the Undergraduate Catalog is modified as follows:

Additions

Deletions

Admission
Admission to the Honors College (Atlanta campus) is competitive and limited to the top 5-8% of the bachelor degree-seeking fall freshman class. Entering freshmen should have an outstanding high school grade-point average combined with excellent SAT or ACT score; Honors students typically have a record of meaningful community service, leadership, and/or extra-curricular activity. High school students who are jointly enrolled will also be considered.

Currently enrolled Atlanta campus student applicants must have a cumulative institutional GPA of at least 3.5 and have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours completed at Georgia State University to be considered for admission to the Honors College. Currently enrolled and Perimeter College transition students must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.5 based on a minimum of 12 credit hours completed at Georgia State University to be considered for admission to the Honors College.

Transfer student and non-Honors Perimeter College transition applicants must have been admitted to Georgia State through the Office of Admissions, have a cumulative transfer GPA of at least 3.5, and must have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours at the previous institution to be considered for admission to the Honors College. All applicants are required to obtain a recommendation from a faculty member or staff who can speak to the applicant’s academic performance. Applicants who have completed more than 60 hours will be required to provide additional information and may be required to interview with the dean or associate dean. The application cycle is as follows:

Perimeter College Honors students may enter the Atlanta campus Honors College in one of two ways depending on their GPA and credit hours earned. The first way is to enter the Atlanta campus Honors College in the first semester of enrollment at the Atlanta campus as a transition student. Transition students must have been admitted to the Atlanta campus through the Office of Admissions, have a
cumulative institutional GPA of at least 3.3 and must have completed a minimum of 30 Perimeter College credit hours. At least 12 of these hours must be Honors credit (can be a combination of 4 two- to four-hour courses if necessary).

The second way is for Perimeter College Honors students to apply to the Honors College in semesters subsequent to their first enrollment at the Atlanta campus. This option is open to students who meet the minimums above, regardless of whether they met the minimums at the time of transition to the Atlanta campus. These students may apply during the annual student application period (see above section regarding currently enrolled students).

Applications for spring semester will open in mid-December with the release of fall semester grades, and will close on February 1. Applications for fall semester will open in early May with the release of spring semester grades, and will close on July 1. Applications to the Honors College by students from other institutions will also be evaluated during these application periods. Students who do not meet these academic requirements in full but wish to pursue Honors work should contact the Honors College staff.

The application for admission to the Honors College will open for submissions on March 1st and close on May 1st each year; applicants will be evaluated based on their completed credit hours and cumulative institutional grade point averages as of the completion of the spring semester. Admission to the Honors College is for the fall semester and is offered on a space-available basis to the most highly qualified applicants. Students who do not meet the minimum academic requirements for admission consideration but wish to pursue Honors course work should contact the Honors College staff.

Computer Science Major Eligibility Requirement
The motion to revise the eligibility requirements for Computer Science, effective beginning with students on the 2017-18 catalogs, was approved as amended.

Motion
The following material will be added to section 3210 (Computer Science) of the Undergraduate Catalog:

Major Eligibility Requirements
Effective fall semester 2017, to be eligible for the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and to enroll in major-level CSC courses (CSC 2720 Data Structures and all 3000- and 4000-level CSC courses), students must fulfill the following requirements:

- Complete the following courses with a grade of C or higher:
  1. CSC 1301 (Principles of Computer Science I),
  2. CSC 2510 (Theoretical Foundations of Computer Science) or MATH 2420 (Discrete Mathematics), and
  3. either Math 1112, 1113, 2211, 2212, or 2215.
- Students must earn an average of 2.5 grade points across the three courses. The GPA will be calculated based on the first attempt at the courses designated above at Georgia State University. WFs counts as an attempt. Ws do not count as an attempt. If a student has AP credit for any course designated above, the course will not be used in this GPA calculation, even if the student chooses to take the course. Courses retaken using the university Repeat to Replace policy are not counted as first attempts.
- Where more than one course may be taken toward fulfilling the requirement (items two and three
above), the first attempt at the first course taken from the list will be used to calculate the major eligibility grade-point average. For example, in item 3, if a student takes MATH 1112 before taking MATH 2211, then the first attempt at MATH 1112 will be used for the major eligibility GPA.

- Transfer students who transfer these course(s) into Georgia State, may use the grades in the transferred course(s) to calculate the GPA or they may attempt them once at Georgia State. Course taken at Georgia State’s Perimeter College count as first-attempts.

Once students are eligible to take in major-level Computer Science courses (CSC 2720 Data Structures and 3000- and 4000-level CSC courses), they remain eligible to take them as long as they are eligible to enroll at Georgia State University and satisfy other Computer Science program requirements. Students must meet any pre-requisites for the specific 3000- or 4000-level course.

This requirement applies to students entering or re-entering the university in fall 2017 or thereafter, or to students who choose to follow the Computer Science program requirements in the undergraduate catalog for 2017-18 or thereafter. Students who have selected the Computer Science B.S. major but have not yet fulfilled the major eligibility requirement will be designated as Pre-Computer Science majors.

Students in majors other than Computer Science including those minoring in Computer Science, may enroll in major-level CSC courses as long as they meet any pre-requisites for the specific course.

**ROTC Priority Registration**

The motion to approve priority registration for ROTC students was approved as amended.

**Motion**

This proposal seeks to achieve priority registration for contracted Georgia State University ROTC students. These students receive scholarship money from the government via the military in various forms. Most contracted ROTC students receive 100% scholarship benefits that carry with them the expectation that these students graduate within four years so that a commission into the military can occur within a timely and financially efficient fashion.

**SACS Reaccreditation: Quality Enhancement Plan**

John Duffield presented information on the SACS Reaccreditation Quality Enhancement Plan. Georgia State is preparing for reaffirmation in 2019. The reaffirmation process consists of two main components:

1. demonstration of compliance with the SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation, and
2. preparation of a Quality Enhancement Plan that addressed a focused topic or issue related to enhancing student learning

**Recorder:**

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