I. Minutes from August 19, 2020 meeting

Senate Committee on Admissions and Standards Minutes

August 19, 2020, 2 -3:30 p.m., WebexMeeting


Approval of minutes from meeting on April 22, 2020.
The minutes of the April 22, 2020, meeting were approved

Nominations for and Election of Chair and Vice Chair
Chester Phillips nominated Patrick Freer for Chair. Patrick Freer accepted the nomination. James Engstrom was nominated but declined. Patrick Freer was elected Chair of the Senate Committee on Admissions & Standards.

Chester Phillips was nominated for Vice Chair and is willing to continue in the position. Chester Phillips was elected Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Admissions & Standards.

Tentative Committee Meeting Dates (via Webex)
There were no objections to the following meeting dates:

August 19, 2020 Organizational Meeting, 2-3 p.m.
September 16, 12:30-2 p.m.
October 21, 2020, 12:30-2 p.m.
November 18, 2020, 12:30-2 p.m.
January 20, 2020, 12:30-2 p.m.
February 17, 2020, 12:30-2 p.m.
March 31, 2020, 12:30-2 p.m.

Information Item: Temporary Waiving of Standardized Testing Requirements
Graduate Admissions is receiving questions from programs and colleges that would like to temporarily move to standardized test (LSAT/GRE/GMAT) optional. These requests are in reaction to many testing centers around the world closing or limiting testing options, as well as the University System of Georgia's (USG) recent option to eliminate the ACT/SAT from the undergraduate admissions review. As there is not a USG or GSU mandate to include standardized tests as part of the graduate admissions process, suspending standardized test from admissions requirements is an option for GSU’s graduate programs. Thus, Graduate Admissions seeks to support programs seeking to move to standardized tests optional through the 2021 admissions cycles.

To implement this temporary process, graduate program faculty would request the change, and Deans or their designees would consider the request. When approved, Graduate Admissions will make the appropriate changes to the application system (i.e, Slate).
Lisa Armistead: At least 127 international students waived GRE and TOEFL for Fall 2020. It’s a program by program option; not everyone will allow scores to be waived.

Allison Calhoun-Brown: waiving the standardized test scores was an issue of equity and access in the fall. We don’t want the difficulty to access standardized tests right now to impact students’ ability to apply to our programs.

**Discussion of Subcommittees**
The list of subcommittees, current membership, and membership needs will be emailed out, and subcommittee membership will be on the September meeting agenda.

Emergency Withdrawal Committee: student requests and the committee review process is now all web-based-online.

**Information Item: Online Student Success Services for Fall**
Tarrah Mirus: A message is going out today to students about what Fall 2020 will look like. The Registrar’s Office is offering the “mega” online. There are virtual appointments available for all Student Success offices (Enrollment and Registration Services, Admissions, Advising, Financial Management, and a variety of other services).

**New Business**
Allison Calhoun-Brown: The CPOS (Course Program of Study) financial aid federal DOE policy may come before the committee soon. We may have to consider our cross-registration policy in light of the DOE CPOS policy. We are also reconsidering our residency requirement to meet the lower SACS requirement. Our interdisciplinary degrees may also be tweaked or expanded.

Adjourned at 2:42
Recorder: Lori Howard

**Committee Meeting Dates for 2020-2021 Senate Year**
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*No Standing Meetings are scheduled for May, June, and July. Meetings may be called if needed and email review may occur. Subcommittees continue to meet in the summer months.*