**University Admissions Committee**

**Report to Faculty Senate – November 29, 2016**

Chair: Kelley Erstine, Chief of Staff

Current Committee Members: Courtney Mullen, Director of Admissions

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Patricia Smith, Faculty Senate Exemplary Studies

Meeting Dates:

February 17, 2016

March 16, 2016

April 13, 2016

November 7, 2016

November 28, 2016

**Charge**

To review and make recommendations relative to current University of Central Arkansas admissions guidelines and criteria and to make decisions regarding admission appeals.

**Summary of Activities**

* The appeals process was reviewed by committee members. It was decided that electronic evaluation of appeals works well to guarantee timely decisions; however, cases may also be reviewed during any regular meetings.
  + The committee agreed to a deadline of no more than three (3) business days for all appeals decisions.
* Appeals records are being kept to track those students who have completed the appeals process.
  + Academic progress/performance will be reviewed throughout the year.
* Conflicting resolutions for freshmen admission criterion were passed during the February 2014 and May 2015 board meetings.
  + After review of applicant and retention data provided by Institutional Research, the committee decided to maintain fall 2016 admission criterion for the foreseeable future to ensure minority enrollment is not negatively impacted.
* Transfer admission criterion was compared to four-year institutions within Arkansas and UCA’s peer institutions.
  + Based on this review, it was decided that UCA’s current admission standards are on par with other institutions in terms of transfer GPA requirements
  + However, the committee is making a formal recommendation to require transfer students with less than 24 earned credit hours meet minimum freshmen requirements, effective the spring 2018 term.
* Committee members reviewed the possibility of a sliding admission scale for students on performance-based scholarships; ultimately the committee decided to review students on a case-by-case basis through the appeals process.

**Current**

* Reviewing admission appeals as needed
* Reviewing ACCUPLACER scores and non-traditional admission criterion at peer institutions

**Future**

* Review international admission requirements