

## Admissions and Financial Aid Committee Meeting

April 17, 2015

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Tom Delahunt, Melissa Sturm-Smith, Keith Summerville, Laura Linn, Andrew Welch, Megan Franklin

- I. Admissions Report (Tom Delahunt)
  - a. Down 8 students relative to last year (494 versus 502)
  - b. Discussions are mostly re: financial aid at this point.
  - c. Up 11 transfer students at this time relative to last year
  - d. CBPA admissions still appear hurt by accreditation issue
    - i. Schools are using this against us
  - e. We are tracking ahead of orientation registrations
  - f. Focus needs to be on limiting summer melt
  - g. The next two weeks are absolutely crucial to making goal of 870.
  
- II. Test flexible (Summerville)
  - a. presented to Faculty Senate for feedback on 4/15
  - b. Robust discussion of test flexible
    - i. Questions about its place in the broader context of admissions strategy
    - ii. Emphasis on the need for improved and broader access to academic support, especially for sciences
    - iii. Support for the initiative as a mechanism to attract more students to Drake University
    - iv. Questions raised about how the university has previously tried to diversify student populations at Drake
    - v. Note that the Law School has shifted requirements for the LSAT
    - vi. Questions about how moving to test flexible would change Tom's workload / admissions counselor's workload.
  - c. This was a non-voting issue for Senate as the Senate's governance does not extend to admissions policy
  - d. Tom will take feedback and make decision on whether to and how to move forward

- III. AIB – now regional campus for the Regents (Discussion- all)
  - a. Situation still very unresolved – no clear sense for how the AIB project will evolve
  - b. AIB laying off 20% of their employees
  - c. Unknown what will be offered at the AIB campus once it becomes the Regents regional campus