

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee Meeting

April 3, 2015

Minutes

Members Present: Tom Delahunt, Keith Summerville, Andrea Kjos, Lori Blachford, Kevin Lam, Sentwali Bakari, Melissa Sturm-Smith, Andrew Welch

I. Admissions Report (Tom Delahunt)

- 320 deposits right now, last year at this time was 326. So, we're down 6 at this point. Numbers are quite fluid. CBPA down a bit, Arts and Sciences is up a bit.
- 4 data analytics, 1 kinesiology deposit
- Overall, STEM is up.
- Noel Levitz Report – Discount Rate is 50%. Budget was at 51.8%.
- Academic Quality as high as or higher than years past.
- Needing to adjust discount rates for CBPA and CoPHS students (higher).
- One more admitted student day – April 10th; 130 signed up for it thus far.
- Nag letter goes out next week.
- SO/JR preview day April 6th; 130 signed up thus far.

II. Retention

- Proactive advising pilot will go into year 2; a new 10 faculty cohort will be trained and engaged in proactive advising for summer 2015. \$500 stipend for may and june 2015.
- Student feedback on proactive advising speaks well to the positive impact of the year 1 pilot.

III. Test flexible policy

- The committee unanimously approved the following language to be endorsed by Faculty Senate as soon as practical.
- Drake University has an SAT/ACT flexible admissions policy. Applicants who have earned a cumulative unweighted grade point average of a 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale may choose whether or not to submit their standardized test scores. Applicants choosing not to submit standardized test scores will be asked to provide an additional application essay that speaks to the student's preparedness for studies at Drake University as well as be able to demonstrate a record of high school course work that supports the potential for future success at the college level. An applicant with an unweighted grade point average of less than a 3.00 must submit their SAT or ACT scores as part of the admissions requirements. Applicants applying to combined or accelerated degree programs such as Pre-Pharmacy and Occupational

Therapy will continue to have a separate admission process that requires the submission of standardized test scores.

Next meeting Friday April; 17, at 9am in TMR 132.