

## Admissions and Financial Aid Committee Meeting

November 14, 2014

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Tom Delahunt, Lou Ann Simpson, Keith Summerville, Andrea Kjos, Susan Ladd, Lori Blachford, Kevin Lam

- I. Admissions Report (Tom Delahunt)
  - Applications – 3700 – coming in at same pace as last year.
  - A&S – doing well, SOE smaller than usual, JMC down relative to last year, CoPHS is roughly the same, the Pharm-D program is back up to where it was four years ago.
  - 451 undeclared majors applied to A&S thus far.
  - Things still very early so numbers are very fluid
  - NAS planning underway for Feb – we will need mock classes and break-outs for students to meet with faculty within majors
  - Financial aid update
    - Perkins loan in peril given results of mid-term elections
    - Perkins loan goes to those with highest need – Drake has about 3 million dollars to allocate this year – it is earmarked for SO-SR students.
    - Awards up to \$5500 went out this year – so this is critical for closing the gap for high need students – losing this will cause retention issues for our high need students
  - Chronicle report on cost of schools in Iowa – Coe, Cornell, Central, Wartburg, Grinnell, Luther all cost more than we do – these schools also have higher discount rate than we do.
    - Drake has about the same number of financial holds as in prior semesters.
    - National Letter of Intent day is this week for athletics
    - Athletics compliance officer (Cody Edwards) last day is today (Nov 14<sup>th</sup>) – new officer starts Dec 1.
- II. CREW
  - Applications coming in for next year's CREW – too early to say much more than that (apps due the 15<sup>th</sup> of Feb).
  - Question was asked for trends in admission among DSM public
- III. Test optional
  - Still trying to schedule conference call with Marist and / or other peers that have moved to this model.
  - News presentation on test optional featured Wake Forest – link sent to committee.
  - 850 colleges and university are now “test optional”

- Piloting “test optional” at Drake might be difficult because Drake cannot restrict where students go in terms of major – so if someone is admitted test optional as an ensp major they could switch to chemistry (which might not support test optional admissions)
- We need to get larger campus buy-in for attracting more diverse cohorts of students – how can we take the proactive advising model and develop additional cohorts of faculty with appropriate advising skills for a broader array of students.

Next meeting Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am in TMR.