

## Admissions and Financial Aid Committee

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Present: Andrew Welch, Susan Ladd, Cody Edwards, Tom Delahunt, Laura Linn, Kevin Lam, Sentwali Bakari, Bob Soltis, Sandy Henry, Keith Summerville

### 1) Admissions Update

- Record numbers of applicants and record number of FAFSA filers.
- Financial Aid counselor being asked lots of questions about value / cost of degree relative to earning potential.
- 280 current tuition deposits, quality remains strong.
- Behind in tuition deposits for Pharmacy students – Butler gives 6 years of financial aid; Drake only gives 4.

### 2) Transfer Student Update

- Drake down transfer applications, mostly even with tuition deposits – we are not likely to be ‘up’ in transfer deposit for the next academic year.
- Processing transfer transcripts – where does bottleneck happen?
  - The biggest bottleneck occurs at the transcript stage and getting students to understand how their credits come in to Drake and what their time to degree will be.
  - Median time to equate courses for transfer student is 10 days – why can we not cut that by 50% or 67%? The bottleneck appears to be getting equates at the departmental level – does a course count for a major – does a course count for an aoi?
  - Keith will work with Associate Deans to try and develop a workflow for transfer equates that speeds things up and also respects the need to make sure our transfer students have the necessary competencies to succeed in a particular major.

### 3) Discussion of Transfer Students & J-Term

- 4 transfer students enrolled in J-Term for their very first course this past year. Do we want J-Term to be the first introduction to Drake / learning at this institution for students?
- A large number of schools allow EFR students to participate in J-Term. Excluding students from J-Term is a recruiting disadvantage.
- The Committee discussed what data is needed to inform a decision to continue to restrict J-Term to EFRs and whether it makes sense to exclude transfer students from participating in J-Term as their first experience.
- Is J-Term breaking even / losing money budget-wise? Can we handle additional student participants in JTerm?

#### 4) Admissions perspective on Drake Curriculum Revisions

- Admissions and Financial Aid would like to be more informed on curricular reform issue – to this point Tom and Laura have not been consulted.
- Admissions uses the current Drake Curriculum to recruit students. Not sure how a minors approach to gen education curriculum would appeal to our prospective students.
- Longer-term plan is to make whatever process is used to move forward more inclusive.

#### 5) Committee Charge

- The revised charge was discussed, a few minor revisions were requested. Keith will revise the charge and circulate electronically, and then get to Exec once it is approved by Committee.