

Minutes

Senate Enrollment Committee Meeting

10/19/15

Members in attendance were:

Cameron Faustman, Chair, CAHNR
Michael Bradford, Fine Arts
Samuel Martinez, Anthropology
Kathleen Sanner, Student Health Services
Nathan Fuerst, Admissions Office
Eva Gorbants, Fine Arts
Wayne Locust, Vice President for Enrollment Planning & Management (Ex-Officio Member)
Mansour Ndiaye, CLAS
Brian Rockwood, Registrar's Office
Susana Ulloa, ISS Academic Program Center
Austin Langer, Undergraduate student representative

- A. Wayne Locust and Nathan Fuerst answered many questions brought forward by the other committee members. These included:
- a. With the emphasis on STEM, how will non-STEM/non-declared majors fare in the admissions process? Ans. Process will be the same and the new student targets include non-STEM majors as well, just to a lesser proportional extent.
 - b. What is the anticipated impact on student:faculty ratios? Ans. We have moved from 19:1 to 16:1 and the goal is to get to 15:1. Non-tenure track teaching faculty (e.g., Adjuncts) do figure into this calculation.
 - c. What is the extent to which need is met? Ans. There is always a gap, an amount of money that is not met by the calculated family contribution. The average gap for UConn students is \$6,000.
 - d. What is the relative amount of financial aid that is merit-based versus need-based? Ans. 80% goes to students with need (a portion of these are meritorious) while 20% is merit-based only.
 - e. What is the process by which students are selected for STEM scholarships? Ans. Eligibility is assessed as part of the admissions review. In general, applicants should be "Honors qualified" and have demonstrated engagement with STEM-related activities (communicated via letters of reference, essays)

- f. What was the out-of-state freshman admission? 42% for students entering in fall 2015.
 - g. How many students came off the wait list for Fall 2015 admission. N Fuerst did not have an absolute number but "hundreds" and potentially a "thousand" was noted.
- B. There was discussion about the US Department of College Scorecard and its potential impact on applicant decision-making remains to be seen.
- C. Last year the Enrollment Committee brought the following motion forward which was passed by the University Senate. Considerable discussion revolved around this and the challenges that a quarterly update would provide. It's not clear who the responsible party will be for providing this because several offices would need to contribute information. C Faustman will bring this question to the SEC.
- "Given the planned increase in enrollment, the Senate requests the administration to provide quarterly updates on the implications of the increased numbers. These updates should include effects on availability of general education courses, on-campus housing, and science laboratories, impact on academic majors, safety, health care and advising, and re-allocation of teaching faculty by type: tenure-track, in-residence, adjunct and graduate teaching assistants."*
- D. C Faustman will set agenda for the next couple of Enrollment Committee meetings. Some suggested topics included
- a. The Hartford Campus move and implications for enrollment
 - b. Status and well-being of the rising international student population (advising, housing)
 - c. Admitted student questionnaire results (W Locust to provide from College Testing Service).