Admissions and Student Aid Committee  
Minutes 10/22/09

In attendance:  J.Baker, V. Hoffman,  R.Kear, J. Kitutu, S.Levine, B.Porter and S.Shaiman (chair)

An organizational meeting was held to discuss future topics and possible goals of this Committee. Betsy Porter reported that, while recruiting and admissions goals are being achieved, the University administration would like to improve on the retention of matriculated students from the freshman to sophomore years. This Committee would like to invite speakers to address issues and provide data on topics related to retention, including: reasons for students leaving the University (academic, counseling, personal, housing, etc.), the role of individual Schools, existing University retention efforts, methods for surveying students, etc. Vice Provost and Dean of Students Kathy Humphrey is scheduled to speak on retention issues at our January 21, 2010 meeting. Other potential speakers include: Dr. Shawn Brooks, Dr. Patricia Beeson (an invitation has already been extended), Carrie Sparks.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 16th at 11:30 AM.