

MINUTES – SAAA Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, November 9th, 2016  
2:05 – 3:20 pm  
Hillman 272

1. Update on Undergraduate Admissions, presented by Kellie Kane, 15 min
  - a. Questions:
    - i. New SAT compared to old (Gramm)
    - ii. Administration of scholarship monuies (Baird)
    - iii. Permanent recruiters in yellow states (Borovetz)
    - iv. Holistic review, no SAT requirement for future admins, correlate undergraduate grades to admissions info (Taboas)
    - v. State boards, SAT, GPA (Kitutu)
  - b. Discussion
    - i. Selection of chancellor scholarships via honors college, 15% qualify (Borovetz)
    - ii. Homeschooling (Kikutu)
    - iii. 1<sup>st</sup> generation to schools (Taboas)
    - iv. Diversifying international admissions, Hobsons International (Gramm)
    - v. Micro-scholarships (retroactive awarding and future course adjustment) (Semaia)
    - vi. University support of graduate students (Lin (Cho Cho), Sbragia, Kitutu, Davidson): decentralized by school, school of medicine has pre-admin
    - vii. Support of student athletes (Taboas)
2. Discussion of draft “Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress” policy, action item Dr. Sbragia, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies
  - a. Minimum GPA increase
    - i. Question: B vs. B- for appeal (issue is must be cumulative so might not be possible for GPA to reach 3.0, Kikutu)
  - b. Timeframe for completion
3. Update on graduate students and measures taken by Provosts office for Graduate Studies to support the GPSG (Graduate and Professional Student Government), action item Dr. Sbragia
  - a. GPSG now has a semester newsletter, 1<sup>st</sup> out Oct 25<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Grad and professional students total 9,718
  - b. Two new websites under academic tab to help students connect
    - i. “Cool Pitt”, for welcoming applicants and recruitment
    - ii. Doctoral and Post doctoral events
  - c. Major support for GPSG initiatives via tasking staff support of 20 hours/week, Jennifer
    - i. Institutional memory
    - ii. Full time staff in students affairs
    - iii. Also newsletter and website changes
    - iv. Trailblazers tour
  - d. Report on orientation
    - i. 500 students
    - ii. ID scanners
    - iii. Presentations by Bonner, Sbragia, and Justin Saver (GPSG president)
    - iv. Information: Title 9, Pitt resources, transportation and parking, Health (including mental illness and counseling services)
    - v. Welcome picnic

vi. Annual Clipper Tour for international students.