

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Senate Committee on Admissions and Student Aid
March 16, 2005**

In attendance: D. Clubb, E. Frampton, I. Frieze, L. Hayden, R. Linden, B.J. Ore, A. Peskie, P. Smolinski and T. Thompson

1. Mr. David Clubb and Mr. Timothy Thompson from the Office of International Students were in attendance. They passed out data on the number of international students at the undergraduate level and graduate level enrolled in the University since 1985. The general trend is that there has been an increase in the number of graduate students and a reduction in the number of undergraduate students.

2. It was pointed out that the added diversity of having international students on campus was a benefit and that the decline in international students at the undergraduate level was a concern.

3. Mr. Clubb said that there is no specific financial aid at the University for international students. Also, the reduction could be attributable to a combination of the increasing cost of higher education in the U.S. and the development and improvement of the colleges and universities in the students' home countries. In the last year there was a decrease in the number of international students in the U.S.

4. The general consensus was that although it was desirable to have international undergraduate students on campus, global trends are causing this number to decline and it is not known when or if these trends will change.

5. The next meeting is planned for 13 April at noon to discuss possible means of increasing the number of international students.