

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Senate Committee on Admissions and Student Aid**

Date: October 26, 2005

In attendance: C. Stille, B. Porter, E. Frampton, I. Frieze, C. Lewis, A. Peskie and P. Smolinski

1. The meeting was opened and the attendees were introduced.
2. B. Porter gave a short overview on the changes in the registration system due to the introduction of the Peoplesoft recording keeping system.
3. In the discussion about possible issues for committee review, I. Frieze mentioned that there is an impression among the branch campuses that the Peoplesoft system has affected the number of student applications. B. Porter replied that this may be a result of the bookkeeping of the Peoplesoft system in which a student is considered as applicant at a single campus at a given time as opposed to the previous system in which a student could simultaneously be an applicant at multiple campuses. P. Smolinski will contact the admissions officers at the branch campuses in regard to giving an overview of their admissions data to the committee.
4. C. Lewis brought up the topic of the demographics of increasing minority student populations in high school coupled with decreased affordability of higher education. A general discussion of financial aid and affordability followed. C. Lewis offered to provide the committee members a link to a web site with information on this topic.
5. The topic regarding the admission of children of faculty and staff to the university was brought up. B. Porter stated the Office of Human Resources now makes a distinction between the tuition benefit and admission to the University or Campus. A. Peskie stated that the Staff Association Council has had recent discussion on this topic. It was pointed out that not much data is available on the number of faculty and staff that fall into this category. I. Frieze will try to determine a contact person at the University for this data.
6. The next meeting is planned for Wednesday 30 November at noon.