

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

***Resolution to Recommend Approval of the Proposal from Enrollment Management to Revise the Current Admissions Criteria [as amended]***

**WHEREAS** there is a growing national trend to evaluate college applicants from a more holistic perspective rather than using only more traditional benchmarks; and

**WHEREAS** high school rank, one of those traditionally important benchmarks, frequently no longer is being assigned to students by their high schools; and

**WHEREAS** a large number of SIUC applicants could be admitted automatically based on sufficiently high scores on the ACT and high school GPA, and therefore those students should not need to be vetted thoroughly; and

**WHEREAS** students with lower scores would benefit from a more holistic review process, whereby applications would be examined individually according to a set of criteria based on success in the particular college/unit to which they apply; and

**WHEREAS** SIUC data clearly show that early application date predicts graduation and that graduation rate drops considerably for those students who apply between June and August; and

**WHEREAS** the new, recommended rubrics for screening will be monitored and will be adjusted if necessary;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Faculty Senate recommend approval for Enrollment Management's proposal to revise the current admissions criteria, adopting an auto-admit component for applicants with ACT scores at or above 23 or a high school GPA at or above 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (except for those programs with higher criteria), and requiring an individual, holistic review of all other applications, and in addition recommending a preferred application deadline of December 1<sup>st</sup> with a secondary deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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