1.4.2.3 Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee

1.4.2.3.1 Overall Charge

The SAASC is broadly charged with making recommendations related to admissions, academic standards, progression, and graduation requirements. The SAASC shall be comprised of two permanent subcommittees, the Admissions Subcommittee and the Academic Standards Subcommittee.

Recommendations must move forward to Senate through the committee as a whole, not directly from a subcommittee.

1.4.2.3.1.1 Admissions Subcommittee Charge

The Admissions Subcommittee is charged with the following:

- Making recommendations establishing the University's admissions policies and admissions
 management system (SR 4), including selective admissions, ACT/SAT test score equivalencies,
 and deadlines for admissions;
- 2. Establishing automatic admissions criteria and the parameters through which applicants who have not met the automatic admissions criteria may be admitted;
- 3. Submitting an annual report recommending admissions levels, considering constraints such as faculty-to-student ratio and capacity for serving students, as well as recommending circumstances under which admissions should be closed, such as when the desired class size has been reached;
- 4. Serving as an appeals board for applicants for admission whose applications were rejected (SR 4.2.1.1.1.2.2). (The SAASC's decision under this appeal stage constitutes the final University decision on the application.);
- 5. Recommending appropriate cut-off scores for the CLEP, AP, PEP and IB examinations (SR 5.2.1.1); and
- 6. Reviewing proposals and making recommendations related to program-related admissions and University-level admissions policies.

1.4.2.3.1.2 Academic Standards Subcommittee Charge

The Academic Standards Subcommittee shall be charged with making recommendations related to academic standards, progression requirements, and graduation requirements. The Academic Standards Subcommittee is specifically charged with the following:

- 1. Making recommendations regarding grading rules.
- 2. Reviewing and recommending policies related to college-level requirements.
- 3. Reviewing and recommending policies related to granting academic credit, graduation requirements, and probation and suspension.
- 4. Reviewing and recommending conditions of merit and circumstance for graduation requirements, degree honors conferred upon graduating students, and honorary degrees.

1.4.2.3.2 Extent of Authority

The SAASC has final decision-making authority regarding individual student admissions appeals if an application is rejected.

1.4.2.3.3 Composition

The SAASC and its subcommittees shall be composed of a sufficient number of elected faculty senators to conduct business (see SR 1.4.1.1.2) and two ex officio members.

1.4.2.3.3.1 Ex Officio Nonvoting Members

There shall be two ex officio nonvoting members:

- President-nominated employee with responsibilities related to enrollment management
- President-nominated employee with responsibilities related to strategic planning

4.2.2.2.2 Cooperative education arrangements

The Provost's Office shall ensure that approval procedures for cooperative education agreements, including approval by the faculty of the affected degree program(s), are created, maintained, and published in accordance with the considerations listed above. Biennially, a representative from the Provost's Office shall prepare a report for the Senate, to the Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) describing anyon new cooperative education agreements and how they are in compliance with the criteria identified in this section of the Senate Rules. [US: 11/12/2018]

Remaining existing references to Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee and/or Senate Admissions Advisory Committee:

- Section 3.1.4.3.2.3.2
- Section 4.2.1
- Section 4.2.1.1.1
- Section 4.2.1.1.1.1
- Section 4.2.1.1.1.2.2
- Section 4.2.1.2.1
- Section 5.2.1.1

1.4.2.3 Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC)

1.4.2.3.1 Charge

The SAASC is charged to examine and recommend to the University Senate changes: in the admission requirements and grading rules; standards for granting academic credit; probation and suspension procedures; and degree and graduation requirements. Basically, the SAASC shall review Sections IV and V of the Senate Rules but may consider other related areas. It shall also make recommendations regarding significant changes to programs <insert SR reference for significant changes>. Recommendations by the SAASC on conditions of merit and circumstance for (1) graduation requirements, (2) honors with degrees that are conferred to graduating students (SR 5.5.2.2) and (3) Honorary Degrees conferred to others (SR 5.5.2.3), shall be acted upon by the elected University Faculty Senators, as per KRS 164.240.

1.4.2.3.1.1 Extent of Authority

The SAASC does not have any final decision-making authority.

1.4.2.3.2 Composition

The SAASC shall be composed of a sufficient number of elected faculty senators to conduct business. (see SR 1.4.1.1.2)

1.4.2.16 Senate Admissions Advisory Committee (SAAC) [US: 11/12/90]

1.4.2.16.1 Charge

The SAAC is responsible for recommending admissions policy within general guidelines established by the University Senate. The SAAC is charged to:

- 1. Recommend the University's admissions management system, as described in SR 4.2.1.1.1.
- 2. Submit a written report to the Provost, through the Senate Council, recommending admissions objectives such as average ACT scores and desired size of each year's entering freshman class. A copy of the report shall be presented to the Senate Council.
- 3. Recommend automatic admission criteria.
- 4. Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Provost for Enrollment Management, approve any warranted deviations from the automatic admissions criteria.
- 5. After consultation with the Assistant Provost for Enrollment Management, the SAAC may recommend to the Provost closing admissions on any of the following bases: 1) the desired class size has been reached; 2) the class is large enough given existing constraints; and 3) admissions objectives other than class size have been achieved.
- 6. Establish parameters for the decisions on exceptions, under which applicants may be admitted who have not met the automatic admissions criteria.

- Request that the Provost provide specific data on admissions, enrollment, and student performance.
- 8. Request data from the Assistant Provost for Enrollment Management for use in establishing or evaluating admissions policy.
- 9. Review and analyze the information provided in (7) and (8) above by the Provost and Assistant Provost for Enrollment Management and disseminate the results of its review and analysis to the educational units.

1.4.2.16.2 Extent of Authority

The SAAC does not have any final decision-making authority, except as provided in items four and six, above.

1.4.2.16.3 **Composition**

The SAAC shall be composed of voting faculty members, ex officio voting members, and ex officio nonvoting members. It is not required to be chaired by an elected faculty senator nor is it required to be composed of more than one-half of members who are elected faculty senators.

1.4.2.16.3.1 Chair

The SAAC must be chaired by one of the three appointed University Faculty members. The chair only votes to break a tie.

1.4.2.16.3.2 Voting Faculty Members

There shall be three University Faculty members.

1.4.2.16.3.3 Ex Officio Voting Members

There shall be two ex officio voting members:

- The Assistant Provost for Enrollment Management; and
- The Chair of the Senate Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards

1.4.2.16.3.4 Ex Officio Nonvoting Members

There shall be two ex officio nonvoting members:

- The Associate Provost for Student and Academic Life; and
- The Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning (or that person's designee).