

Proposal [additions are underlined; deletions are bracketed]

## **4.2.0 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

### **4.2.1 UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES**

Students who satisfy the basic admission requirements may register in any undergraduate college at the University except as additional entrance requirements are hereinafter stated.

The University of Kentucky prefers that applicants for admission shall have taken the ACT examination. Applicants may be considered for admission, however, on the basis of Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores. The Director of Admissions shall establish annually an appropriate equivalency table of total SAT and ACT composite scores to be used with the established lower division selective admissions criteria. After approval by the Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards, this table shall be used by the Admissions Office in judging the acceptability of otherwise qualified applicants. (US: 4/8/85)

All new freshman and transfer students are required to attend an Advising Conference as assigned at the time of admission unless excused by permission of the University Registrar in special circumstances and emergencies. (US: 2/10/86)

The University's complete undergraduate admissions policy and all associated academic standards shall be reviewed by the Senate during the 1989-90 academic year. (US: 4/28/86)

#### **4.2.1.1 Basic Lower Division Selective Admissions (US: 11/12/90)**

A The Admissions Advisory Committee (AAC) is a standing committee of the University Senate. The voting members of the Committee are the Director of Admissions, the University Registrar, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards, one student appointed by the Senate Council, and three additional faculty appointed by the Senate Council to staggered three-year terms. Ex officio, non-voting members of the Committee include the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, The Director of Institutional Research for the Lexington Campus, and a member from the Medical Center whose appointment is analogous to the director of Institutional Research for the Lexington Campus. Representatives of other campus units whose expertise may be deemed necessary and appropriate may be invited by the Chair to serve as ex officio, non-voting members of the Committee. The committee must be chaired by one of the three appointed faculty members. In the case of a tie vote, the vote of the chair shall prevail.

The AAC is responsible for recommending admissions policy within general guidelines established by the University Senate. The AAC will:

1. Adopt an admissions management system, as described in section (B).
2. File a written report recommending to the Chancellors 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. The Committee will establish internal automatic admission criteria for both Early Decision and regular, full consideration admission.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Director of Admissions, approve any warranted deviations from the initial internal admissions criteria.
5. After consultation with the Director of Admissions, the AAC may recommend 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 guidelines for the decisions of the Exceptions Committee.
7. Request the Chancellors provide specific data on admissions, enrollment, and student performance in the Chancellors' annual report to the Senate.
8. Request specific other data from the University Registrar or Director of Admissions for use in establishing or evaluating admissions policy.
9. Review and analyze the information provided by the Chancellors and the Registrar or Director of Admissions and disseminate the results of its review and analysis to the academic units.

B The AAC will adopt an Admissions Management System for admissions. The Admissions Management System will:

1. Have internal [,non-published] automatic acceptance standards [recommended] established by the AAC. The University will [, however,] publish the range of scores and grade point averages which secured admission in the previous year's [freshman class] entering classes.
2. Admissions criteria [will] may include [not only] high school grade point average (HSGPA), [and] ACT composite score, [but] class rank, degree of difficulty of courses, and ACT subsection scores, or any other criteria or characteristics that provide insight into an applicant's potential for academic success at the University. [However, students with an ACT score below 15 (old ACT) or 18 (enhanced ACT) may be admitted through the Exceptions Committee only, except students admitted under Section E of this provision.] (US:10/11/93)
3. An applicant who has a high school grade-point average which is less than 2.0 will be automatically denied admission (RC: 11/13/95).

4. At least ninety percent (90%) of all freshman admissions will be made according to the internal automatic acceptance criteria.

[5. Admissions criteria will contain an exceptions procedure for two types of applicants: (1) **Internal Exceptions Procedure:** for those prospective students who have certain diversity characteristics not present in the pool of students admitted by internal, automatic-admit criteria and (2) **External Exception Procedure:** for those students whose applications for admission have been rejected.

a. **Internal Exceptions Procedure:** the AAC will identify characteristics not adequately represented in the pool of students admitted under the internal-admit criteria. The Director of Admissions will forward the files of candidates having those characteristics and a reasonable academic record to the Exceptions Committee for consideration before the candidate is notified of an admissions decision. If the Exceptions Committee determines that the candidate has a reasonable chance of success, admission will be granted unless the desired class size or other critical admissions objectives have been met.

b. **External Exception Procedure:** the Exceptions Committee will continue to function as the appeals board for all candidates whose applications were rejected. A rejected applicant may petition for admission due to (1) significant non-academic personal achievement; (2) diversity; or (3) unusual situations affecting academic performance.]

5. The Director of Admissions will review the files of the candidates who do not meet the admission standards established by the AAC but who offer high school grade point averages of 2.0 or higher. The Director, within guidelines established by the AAC, may use his/her discretion to offer admission to freshman applicants whose credentials indicate a reasonable potential for success at the University.

6. A candidate whose application is denied may petition the Committee on Exceptions for a review of this decision. A denied applicant may petition for admission by exception on the basis of a significant non-academic performance or outstanding potential for contributing to or benefiting from an education at the University.

7.[6.] The following admissions deadlines are established:

- November 1, for Early Decision applications
- February 15, for regular, full consideration applications
- August 1, for the submission of all documents.
- (June 1, for participation in the summer advising conference).

Students who apply after the deadline for full consideration will be admitted only as enrollment goals permit.

These deadlines apply to both transfers and entering students. Applications received after February 15 may be rejected even if they demonstrate better qualifications than some already admitted.

An exemption from the August 1 deadline may be granted to non-degree students who enroll in no more than eight (8) credits. These students may enroll through the Evening Weekend Program, at the registration conducted before the opening of classes.

The Director of Admissions may admit exceptional applicants after the desired class size has been met or the August 1 deadline has passed, but the number of such admissions should be kept to a minimum.

The AAC may change these deadlines, based on future experience.

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Note: If approved, it will be forwarded to the Rules Committee for codification