

2015-2016 Report of the Senate's Admissions Committee

May 2016

To: Dr. Tim Tracy, Provost
Dr. Andrew Hippisley, Senate Council Chair

From: Katherine McCormick, Chair Senate's Admissions Committee

Members:

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Don Witt (Associate Provost for Enrollment Management), *ex officio nonvoting*

Ben Withers (Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education), *ex officio nonvoting*

Roger Sugarman (designee of vice president for Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness), *ex officio nonvoting* (Dr. Sugarman was unable to attend the last meeting due to his retirement)

The Senate's Admissions Committee met three times during the 2015-2016 academic year (November 18, 2015; January 25, 2016; & April 11, 2016). During these meetings we reviewed our charge, and discussed how the faculty might best support the Office of Enrollment Management in its various functions.

During each of our meetings Associate Provost Don Witt and Associate Provost Ben Withers provided committee members data and responded to questions. Associate Provost Witt shared our progress toward meeting enrollment objectives. As part of the report of the committee to the Senate, Associate Provost Witt provided information to the Senate about the work of the Office of Enrollment Management during the Senate meeting April 11, 2016.

Committee members also met with Provost Tim Tracy on January 25, 2016 to share our progress and to hear his thoughts regarding issues of admission and retention. Many of the discussions held by the committee centered on the balance between recruiting a diverse student population while working to improve retention rates.

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

1. Establish the University's admissions management system, as described in SR 4.2.1.1.B.
2. File a written report to the Provost 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. Establish 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.
7. 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.

As per our charge, the committee recommends to the Provost a freshman class size of 5,150 for Fall 2016; and an average ACT score of 25.5. Approval for exceptions and deviations remain consistent with previous recommendations.

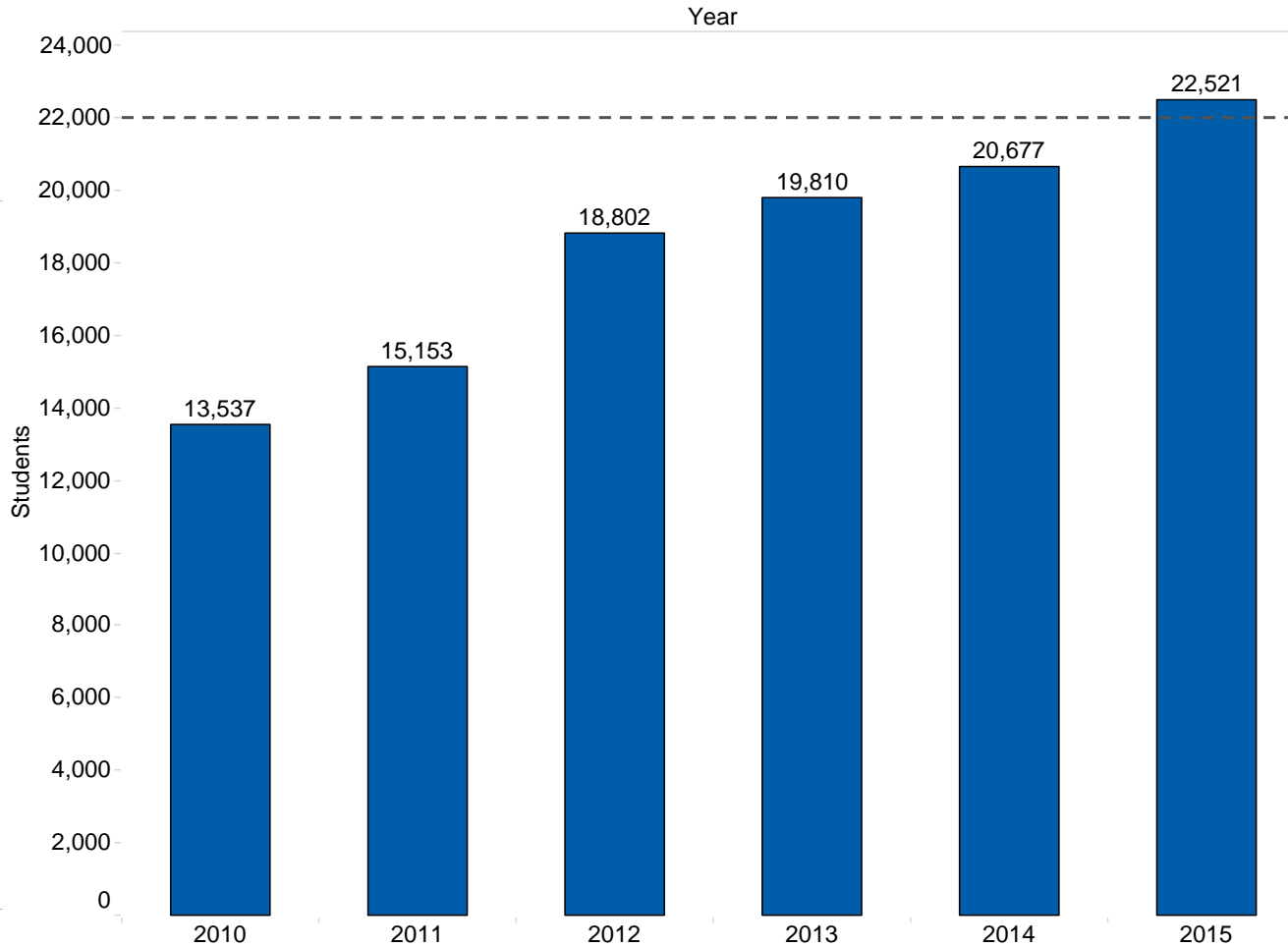
Please find attached detailed information on 2015-2016 UK Freshman Class. Thank you for the opportunity to share this report. We welcome any comments or questions.

Fall 2015

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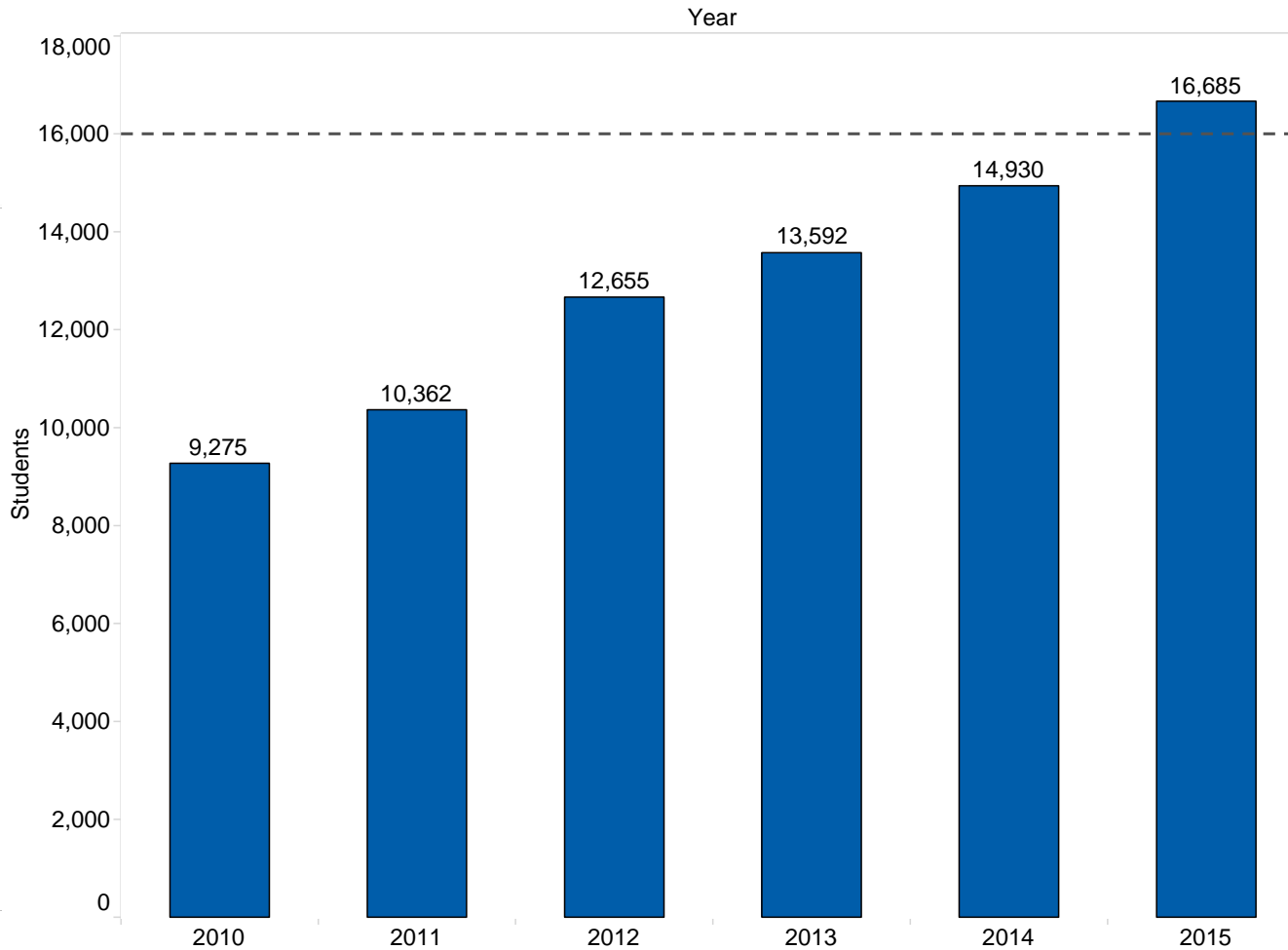
Enrollment

Freshman Applications



- Record Freshman Applications – 22,521
- First time to exceed 22,000 Applications
- Surpassed 20,000 Applications for the second year in a row
- 66% increase in Applications since 2010

Freshman Admissions

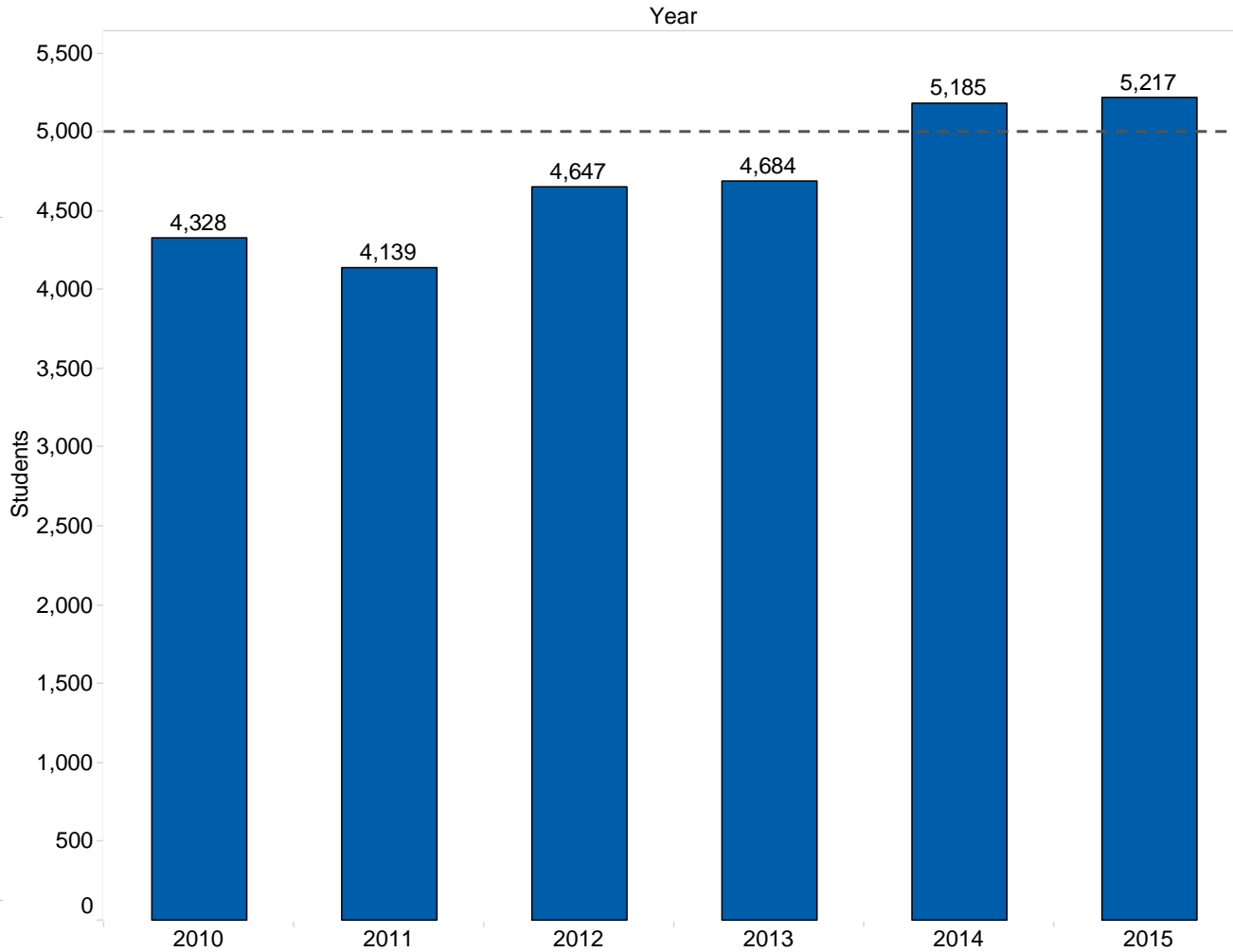


- Record Freshman Admissions – 16,685
- First time to exceed 16,000 Admissions
- 80% increase in Admissions since 2010

Freshman Admit Rate of Completed Applications

Year	Admit Rate
2015	91%
2014	93%
2013	97%
2012	91%
2011	90%
2010	90%

Freshman Enrollment

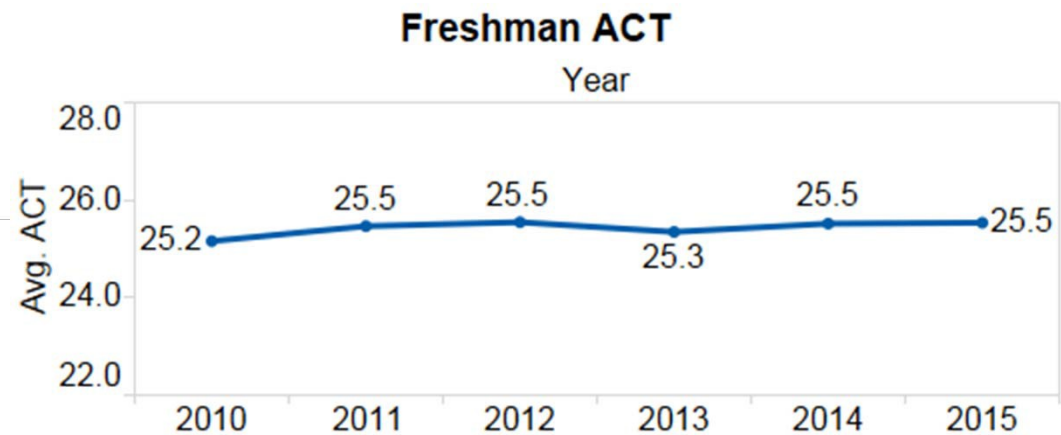


- Record Freshman Enrollment – 5,217
- Record number of Freshmen for the fourth consecutive year
- Surpassed 5,000 Freshmen for the second year in a row
- 21% increase in Freshmen since 2010

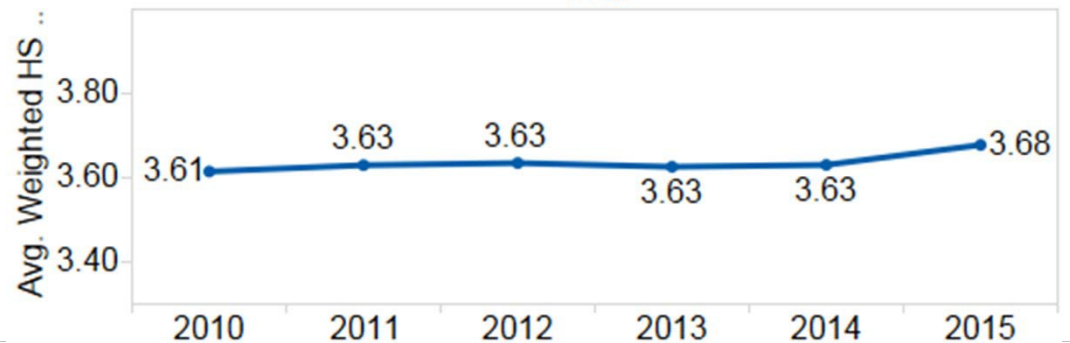
Freshmen

Year	Full Time	Part Time
2015	5,173	44
2014	5,144	41
2013	4,619	65
2012	4,588	59
2011	4,082	57
2010	4,282	46

- Average Freshman ACT – 25.5 (equals record)
- Record Average Freshman Weighted HS GPA – 3.68
- ACT Mid 50% – 22 to 28
- Weighted HS GPA Mid 50% - 3.30 to 4.03 (up from 3.26 to 4.00 in 2014)
- Record National Merit, National Achievement and National Hispanic Finalists – 117
- Record Freshmen with ACT/SAT of 31 or above - 704

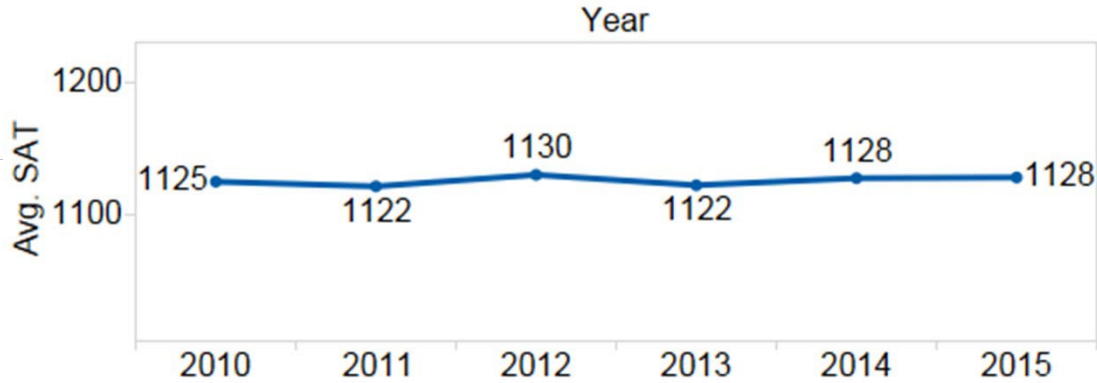


Freshman Weighted HS GPA



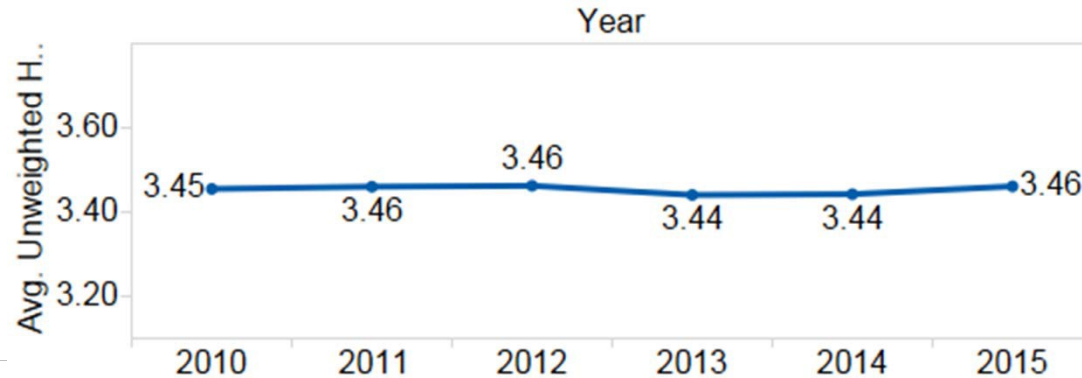
Year	Avg. ACT	Avg. Weighted HS GPA	NMF/NAF/NHF	ACT/SAT 31 or above
2015	25.5	3.68	117	704
2014	25.5	3.63	113	674
2013	25.3	3.63	105	600
2012	25.5	3.63	71	573
2011	25.5	3.63	29	445
2010	25.2	3.61	32	402

Freshman SAT



- Average Freshman SAT – 1128
- Average Freshman Unweighted HS GPA – 3.46 (up from 3.44 in 2014)
- SAT Mid 50% – 1005 to 1230
- Unweighted HS GPA Mid 50% - 3.17 to 3.83 (up from 3.15 to 3.83 in 2014)
- GSP/GSA Freshmen – 411 (up from 394 in 2014)

Freshman Unweighted HS GPA

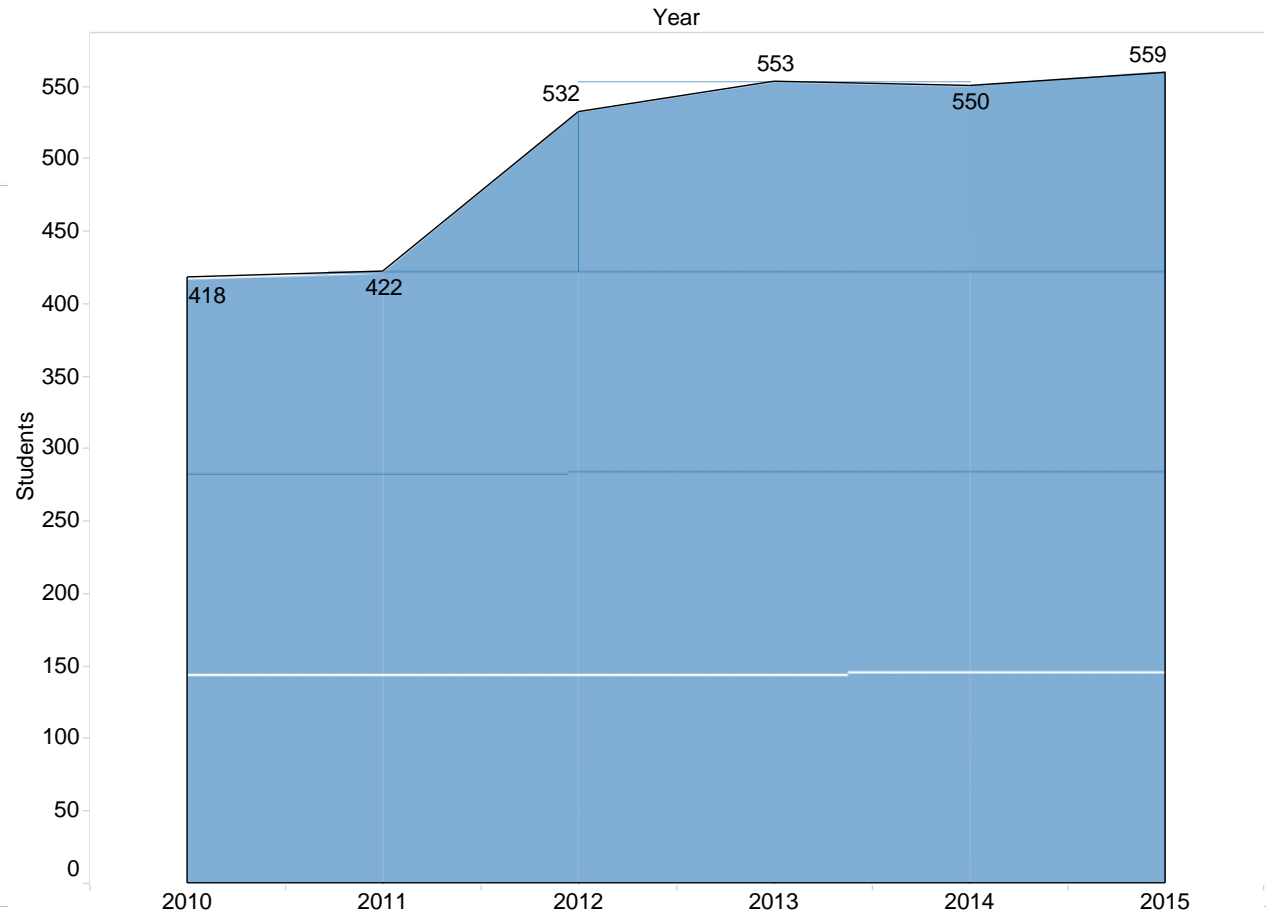


Year	Avg. SAT	Avg. Unweighted HS GPA	GSP/GSA
2015	1128	3.46	411
2014	1128	3.44	394
2013	1122	3.44	417
2012	1130	3.46	427
2011	1122	3.46	394
2010	1125	3.45	373

- Record Freshman African American Enrollment – 559
- African American Freshmen comprise 11% of the class
- Record African American Applications – 4,203
- Record African American Admissions – 2,130

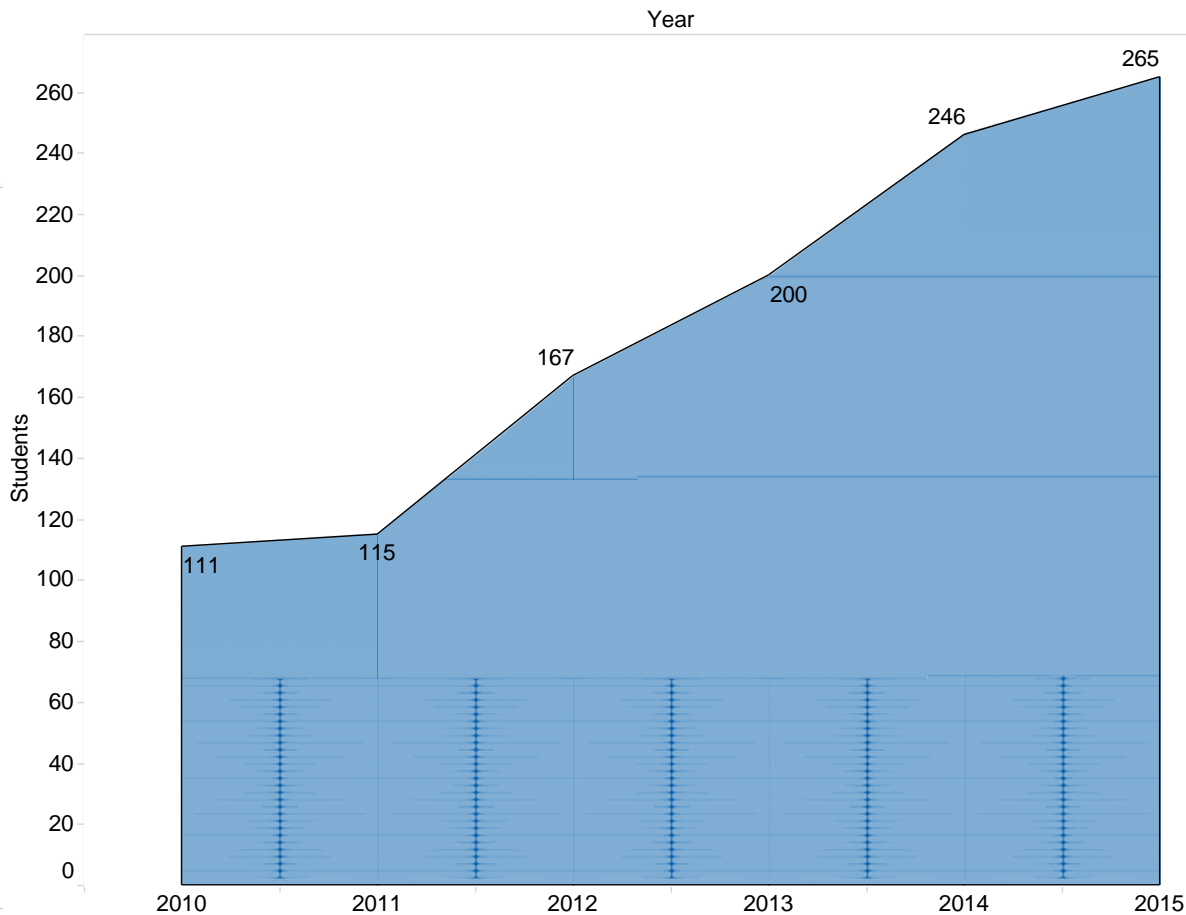
African American Freshmen			
Year	Applications	Admissions	Class %
2015	4,203	2,130	11%
2014	3,888	1,845	11%
2013	3,370	1,547	12%
2012	2,827	1,234	11%
2011	2,261	1,141	10%
2010	2,019	803	10%

Freshman African American Enrollment



- African American includes students who reported two or more races, one of which was “Black or African American”.

Freshman Hispanic Enrollment

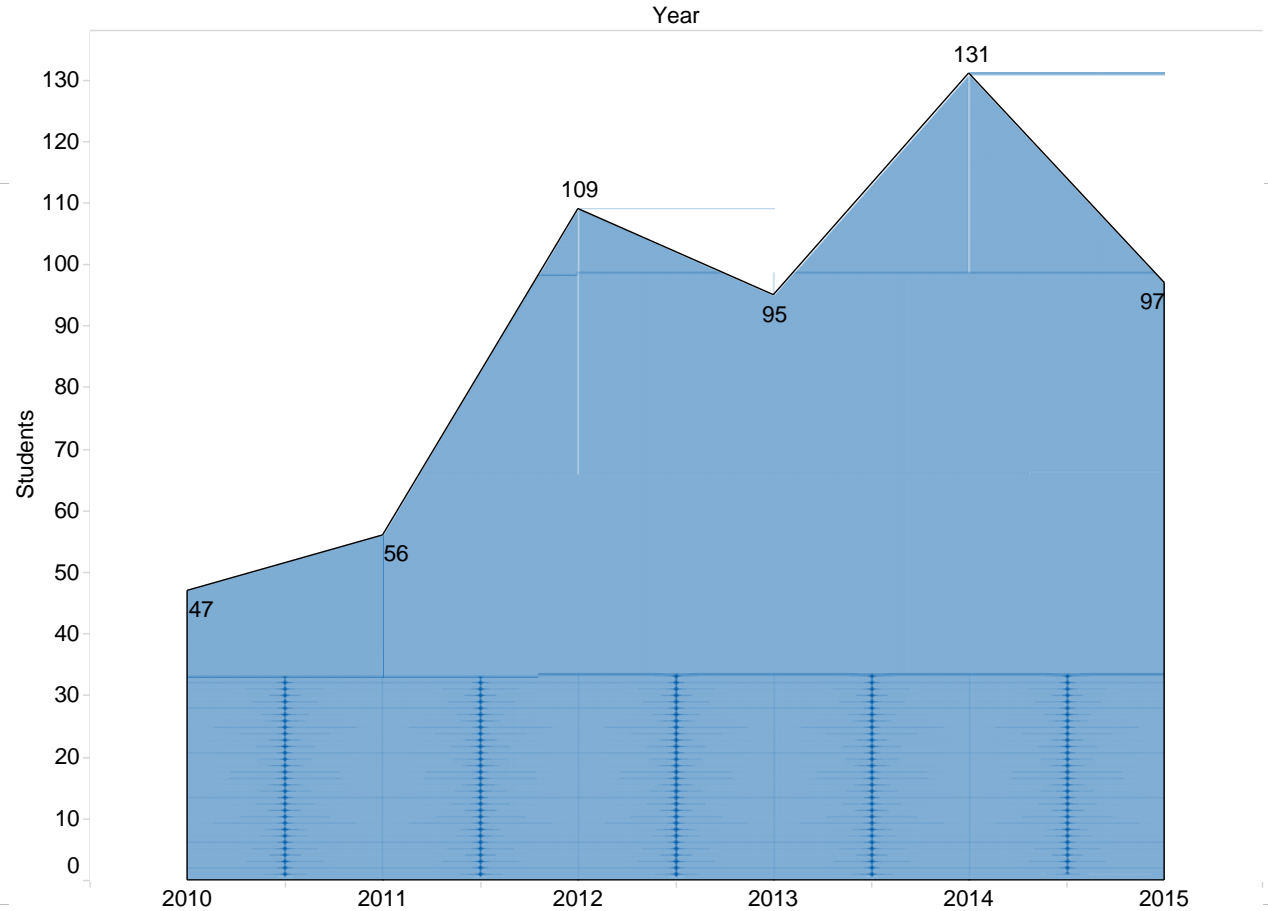


- Record Freshman Hispanic Enrollment – 265
- Hispanic Freshmen comprise 6% of the class (up from 2% in 2010)
- Record Hispanic Applications – 1,283
- Record Hispanic Admissions – 887

Hispanic Freshmen			
Year	Applications	Admissions	Class%
2015	1,283	887	6%
2014	1,131	740	6%
2013	924	609	4%
2012	722	454	4%
2011	490	336	2%
2010	453	268	2%

- Freshman International Enrollment – 97
- 2014 included 21 students from our Omani program – compared to 6 in 2015
- International Applications – 1,016
- Surpassed 1,000 Applications for the second year in a row
- International Admissions – 300

Freshman International Enrollment



International Freshmen			
Year	Applications	Admissions	Class%
2015	1,016	300	2%
2014	1,075	303	3%
2013	731	250	2%
2012	657	229	2%
2011	442	151	1%
2010	398	127	1%