

Undergraduate Academic Council Minutes
April 19, 2007
3:30pm
Wallace Hall Room 366-A

Voting Members Present: Dr. Jeff Spurlock, Ms. Sheila Bennett, Mr. James Davis, Dr. Amanda Diggs, Dr. Joseph Fielding, Dr. Hank Findley, Dr. Judy McCarley, Dr. Cindy McCoy, Dr. Marian Parker, Dr. Sarah Patrick, Dr. Steve Ramroop, Dr. James Ryan, Dr. Michael Schraeder, Ms. Donna Schubert, Mr. Chris Shaffer, Dr. Fred Westfall, Dr. Patrice Williams, Dr. Lillian Wise

Voting Members Absent: Dr. Thomas Dunn, Dr. Becky Jacobson, Dr. Kimberly Matinez

Non-Voting Members Present: Dr. Hal Fulmer, Ms. Tamara Jones, Ms. Kim Brinkley-Jones (representing Dr. Angie Roling)

Non-Voting Members Absent: Dr. Dianne Barron, Dr. Alan Belsches, Mr. Fred Carter, Dr. Maryjo Cochran, Dr. Earl Ingram, Dr. Lance Tatum, Dr. Don Jeffrey, Dr. Klen LaBrant, Ms. Vickie Miles, Dr. Curtis Porter, Dr. Edith Smith, Mr. Buddy Starling, Dr. Henry Stewart, Dr. David White

Guest: Dr. Jim Zingara

- I. Chairman Dr. Jeff Spurlock called the meeting to order and called the roll.
- II. By unanimous vote, the Council approved the agenda.
- III. By unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of the March 15, 2007 meeting.
- IV. For Consideration by the Council
 - A. College of Communication and Fine Arts
 1. Proposed creation of 15 new courses in the School of Music. These courses will not create any additional loads for the current faculty of department. Syllabi are identical to the current 11XX levels. **Dr. Jim Zingara of the School of Music told the Council the only difference is in the advanced levels of the repertoire used in those courses. By unanimous vote, the Council approved the creation of the following courses:**
 - MUS 2xxx Private Violin II (1 hour)
 - MUS 3xxx Private Violin III (1 hour)
 - MUS 4xxx Private Violin IV (1 hour)

MUS 2xxx Private Viola II (1 hour)
MUS 3xxx Private Viola III (1 hour)
MUS 4xxx Private Viola IV (1 hour)

MUS 2xxx Private Cello II (1 hour)
MUS 3xxx Private Cello III (1 hour)
MUS 4xxx Private Cello IV (1 hour)

MUS 2xxx Private String Bass II (1 hour)
MUS 3xxx Private String Bass III (1 hour)
MUS 4xxx Private String Bass IV (1 hour)

MUS 2xxx Private Guitar II (1 hour)
MUS 3xxx Private Guitar III (1 hour)
MUS 4xxx Private Guitar IV (1 hour)

- B. Department of Enrollment Management
1. Proposed increase in undergraduate admission requirements to take effect Fall 2008. Associate Provost Dr. Hal Fulmer explained the proposal:

Information for Consideration

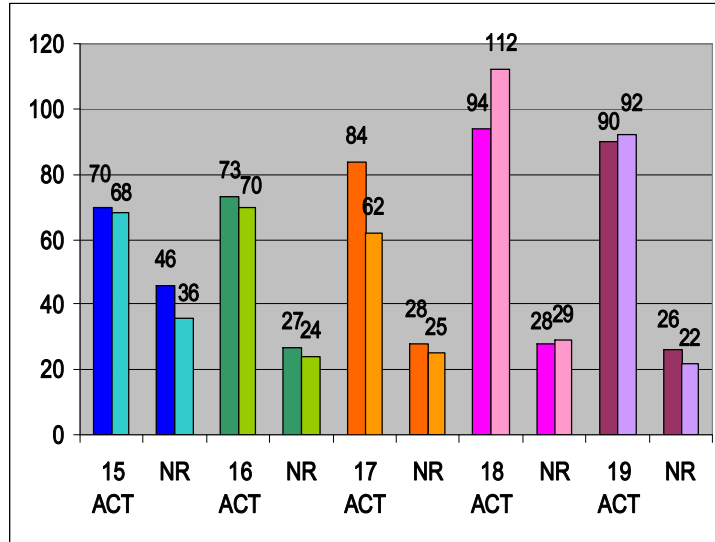
Increasing Current Admission Requirements

Troy University

Current Admission Requirements

- Unconditional Admission
 - 18 ACT/870 SAT
 - 2.00 Grade Point Average
 - Conditional Admission
 - 15-17 ACT/740-860 SAT
 - 2.30 Grade Point Average
- Current admission requirements were implemented in 1984 with floor (15/740) established in 1995.
- Dothan Campus had ACT requirement of 19 until 2005 consolidation of campuses.

ACT and Attrition



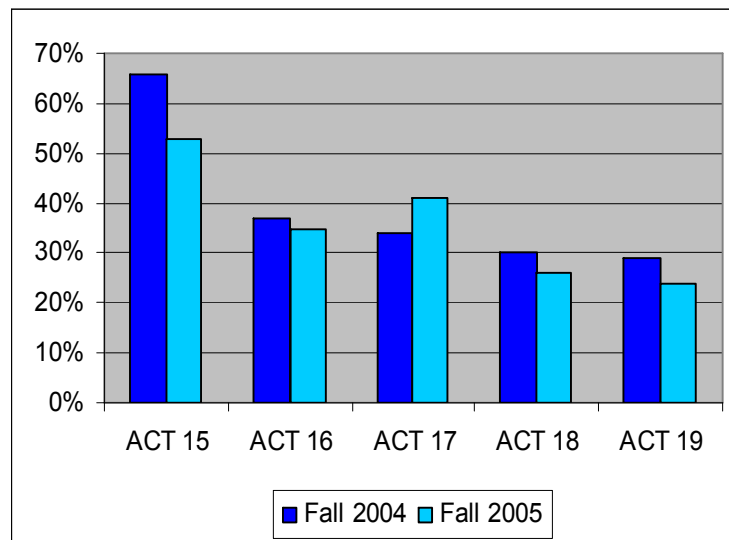
The chart above looks at the relationship between composite ACT scores and attrition, examining the fall semesters 2004 and 2005 and those non-returning (NR) for the fall semesters 2005 and 2006 respectively.

As you will notice, the highest attrition rates occur at the 15 ACT (Fall 04: 70 admitted/46 non-returning - 66% attrition) (Fall 05: 68 admitted/36 non-returning - 53% non returning).

Attrition at 19 ACT: 29% (2004) 24% (2005)

In light of the retention goal of 80% cited in the *Vision 2010 Plan*, each ACT level is performing below this goal.

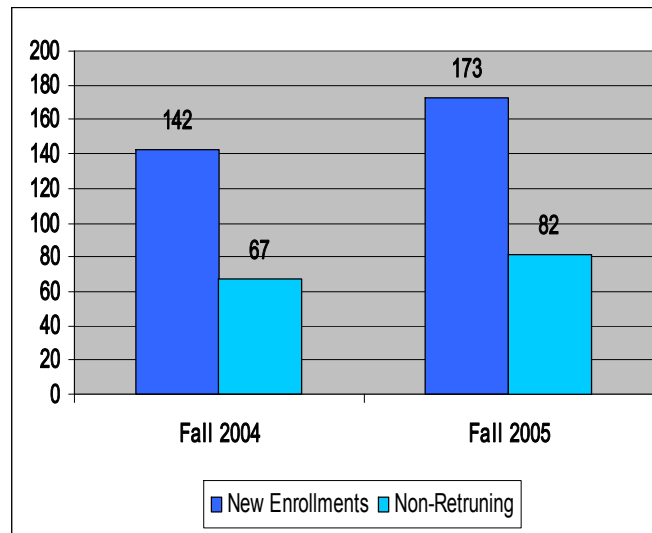
Attrition Rates by Composite ACT Fall 04 to 05 and Fall 05 to 06 Troy Campus



The chart above, again reflects this most significant attrition occurring at the ACT 15 level. Regarding race, black students comprised a relatively low percentage of total attrition: 16% - 04 to 05

17% - 05 to 06

Attrition after One Year Among Students Under 21 Years of Age Montgomery Campus



No ACT data available from Montgomery Campus

Proposed Admission Requirement Increase – All Campuses

- Unconditional Admission
 - 19 ACT/910 SAT
 - 2.00 Grade Point Average

- Conditional Admission
 - 16-18 ACT/780-870 SAT
 - 2.50 Grade Point Average

At 19 ACT with 2.50 Grade Point Average and Floor of 16 . . .

Troy

- Fall 04 – 5% (70) reduction in new undergraduate enrollments; net increase of 24 conditionally admitted students

- Fall 05 – 4% (68) reduction in new undergraduate enrollments; net increase of 44 conditionally admitted students

Montgomery

- Because the Montgomery Campus had operated under the Consent Decree until December 2006, no ACT or minimum gpa has been required.
- The extent of the impact at Montgomery cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty.

Proposed increase to be initiated by Enrollment Management Committee through Academic Steering Committee to the Chancellor and then to Board of Trustees – Approval needed August 2007.

By a vote of 17 to one, the Council approved the increase in undergraduate admission requirements.

V. Dr. Hal Fulmer told the Council that the Troy campus will observe a Fall Break October 8-24, 2007.

VI. It was announced that the next meeting of the Undergraduate Academic Council will be held Thursday, May 17, 2007.

VII. By unanimous vote, the Council approved adjourning the meeting.