

Lehman College Senate
Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards

Sept 21 , 2011

Attendance:

Anne Rice, Chair
Robert Troy
Alyshia Galvez
Penny Prince
Amanda Gulla
Elin Waring
Andrei Jitianu
Liliana Calvet

Visitor: Christian Peruyero

Meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

1. Elin Waring reported on the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Pathways proposal and possible responses to changes in the core curriculum, including the use of essential learning goals as guidelines for awarding credit, as well as the reduction in the Gen Ed requirements from approximately 44 to 30 credits.

2. Christian Peruyero, a student attending the meeting and former member of CAEAS, suggested that Pathways closes a gap between community and senior colleges whereby students stay at the community college level to take advantage of cheaper tuition but find the transfer process difficult when they arrive at senior colleges.

3. Elin Waring pointed out that while the project was originally about facilitating transfer, the ad hoc committee felt that the changes to Gen Ed requirements would lower standards without facilitating transfer. Prof. Waring reported that the ad hoc committee will meet again on October 5th and she promised to keep CAEAS up to date on future developments.

6. The committee considered the following resolution:

Resolution for Admissions Standards for Fall 2012 Regularly Admitted Students

Resolved, that the admissions standards for Fall 2012 regularly admitted freshman students, currently set at a minimum SAT score of 940, be modified to a minimum SAT score of 950, with all other admissions requirements remaining the same as those for Fall 2011.

Bob Troy explained that this resolution follows recommendations a few years ago from the Strategic Planning Committee to improve admissions standards, with the goal for SAT minimum scores to reach 1000 over a ten year period. Prof. Troy reminded the committee that last fall CAEAS and the Senate had improved a resolution by which the CAA (high school average) was increased from 80-81.

Penny Prince asked if there would be any discretion under the new policy for admission of students who did not reach the minimum SAT score but showed promise in other areas. Prof. Troy explained that while the centralized office has a computerized cut-off, Lehman's Director of Admissions has discretion to admit students who do not reach that cut off. The Admissions Director sees a range of applications that fall below standards and also takes calls from Guidance Counselors regarding high school students who do not meet the cut-off.

Christian Peruyero, a student who has served on CAEAS in the past, asked about the effect of the change on SEEK students, and Prof. Troy explained that the increase would not affect SEEK students, who meet different criteria, specifically an 800 SAT and 78% CAA. Christian expressed his concern that the change would negatively impact students who were not SEEK, and Prof. Troy reiterated the Admissions Director's discretionary power to admit students who have not met

The committee discussed the effect of the increased CAA on enrollment and the impact of the ongoing financial crisis on Lehman attendance.

The committee unanimously approved the resolution for admissions standards.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37.