

2003-2004 Annual Report

Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admissions

Ex-Officio Committee, Chair of Faculty Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admissions

February 11, 2005

Members: Karen Gil, Chair (Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, College of Arts and Sciences); Janice Bardsley (Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences); Lucia Binotti (Division of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences); Peter Coclanis (Division of Social Sciences, College Arts and Sciences); Anne Fishel (School of Nursing); Joanne G. Marshall (School of Information and Library Science); Paul Roberge (Division of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences); Lillie Searles (Division of Natural Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences).

Ad Hoc Members: John Evans (Kenan-Flagler Business School); James Kessler (Director, Disability Services); Daniel Boudah (School of Education); Jane Gabin (Senior Assistant Director, Undergraduate Admissions); John Edgerly (Director, Counseling and Psychological Services).

Ex Officio Members: Carolyn Cannon (Associate Dean, Academic Advising, College of Arts and Sciences); Fred Clark (Associate Dean, Academic Services, College of Arts and Sciences); Melissa Exum (Dean of Students and Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs); David Lanier (University Registrar); Jerome Lucido (Vice Provost for Enrollment Management and Director, Undergraduate Admissions); Dan Thornton (Senior Assistant Director, Scholarships and Student Aid); Lynn Williford (Director, Institutional Research).

Members leaving committee during past year: None.

Meetings during past year: September 9, 2003; October 15, 2003; February 18, 2004; April 21, 2004.

Report prepared by: Stephen Farmer (Assistant Provost and Director, Undergraduate Admissions); Bernadette Gray-Little (Dean, College of Arts and Sciences).

Report of activities: (See [comparative statistics, attached.](#))

1. Reviewed and endorsed current admissions procedures in light of the Supreme Court decisions in the University of Michigan cases (*Grutter v. Bollinger* and *Gratz v. Bollinger*).
2. Reviewed and affirmed current admissions procedures for reviewing final pre-enrollment transcripts of candidates who have been offered admission.
3. Endorsed a change in UNC-system Board of Governors policy that would allow UNC-Chapel Hill and other constituent institutions to exempt a limited number of exceptionally strong out-of-state students from the current 18-percent cap on enrollment.
4. Reviewed current admissions practices regarding children and step-children of University alumni (i.e., legacies). Endorsed the general principle of legacy admissions but suggested (a) that the University's current definition of legacy be reconsidered and (b) that the process be monitored carefully as undergraduate enrollment increases.

5. Discussed the possible use of race or ethnicity, as one factor among many, in the selection of merit scholars, as a means of promoting educational diversity and excellence within the undergraduate student body.
6. Discussed possible changes in the process through which the Subcommittee on Students with Disabilities reviews the applications of students with self-disclosed disabilities who have been denied admission.
7. Received reports from the Subcommittee on the Admission of Student-Athletes and the Subcommittee on Students with Disabilities (see comparative statistics, attached).