

## **Minutes of the Senate Admissions and Advising Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Monday, November 21, 2016

**Present:** Theo Randall (chair), Linda Chen, Vincci Kwong, Hong Zhuang, and Connie Peterson

### **Admissions Policy Discussion:**

- Our discussion resumed concerning the IUSB admissions policy [i.e., High School (HS) GPA 2.0 and SAT 1000].
- The committee overwhelmingly favored prioritizing high school GPA over ACT/SAT scores.
- Current policy is somewhat flexible permitting a lower SAT score if the GPA is higher (e.g., we will admit someone with a 700 SAT if they have a HS GPA of 2.7).
- Nevertheless, the above statement becomes an issue if a student has an extremely low SAT scores and an average HS GPA.
- An additional issue of equity also arises if we strive to admit a diverse body of students in regards to ethnicity (i.e., Latinos and African Americans) and class/experience (i.e., first generation students) to maintain our admission standards.
- The committee advocates the hiring an additional staff person who can dedicate some of their professional time to recruiting, mentoring, and assisting African Americans with the application process.
- Many on the committee advocate that we can request more input from high school teachers and counselors concerning certain students to assist with admissions decisions that goes beyond our former ineffective Counselor Recommendation Form.
- To obtain a better understanding of the relationship between GPA and test scores, the committee suggest we look at the admissions scores of students who have recently graduated from Indiana University South Bend (IUSB).
- We also recommend that the Titan Success Center, Summer Bridge, and the Leadership Academy assist with the admission selection process and to prepare those students with low HS GPA and SAT/ACT scores for a successful education at IUSB.

### **Next Meeting:**

- The committee will resume meetings next semester.