

MINUTES
ADMISSIONS, STANDARDS, & HONORS COMMITTEE
April 24, 2008
Room 310 Peabody Hall

Members present: Richard L. Bengtson, Emily Batinski, Terry Buchanan, Alvin Burns, Yan Chen, Linda Griffin, Ann Holmes, Robert Perlis, James Ryon.
Staff present: Cleve Brooks, Mary Parker, Robert Doolos,

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M.
2. Minutes for March 27, 2008. Robert Perlis moved to approve the minutes. Linda Griffin seconded. Motion was passed.
3. Expanded Enrollment. The Faculty Senate asked the committee to investigate whether expanding enrollment will cause a possible dilution of admissions standards.

The following response the Faculty Senate was submitted:

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has asked ASH to review questions regarding admission requirements as those standards relate to plans to expand the enrollment at LSU. On March 27, Vice Provost James McCoy spoke to ASH about those concerns. He said that there are no plans to lower admission standards.

The administration hopes to achieve an increase in enrollment through more effective and strategic recruitment of students. Since the number of high school graduates has declined in Louisiana, special efforts are being designed to recruit out-of-state students. There has been a steady increase in applications during the past three years:

| | <u>Applications</u> | <u>Enrolled</u> |
|-------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2006: | 9443 | 4503 |
| 2007: | 10,983 | 4583 |
| 2008: | 15,025 | |

The increase in applications should enable LSU to expand enrollment without lowering admission requirements. The Admission, Standards, & Honors Committee will continue to monitor the situation.

Linda Griffin moved that the above response be approved. Emily Batinski seconded. Motion was passed.

4. Factoring Class Attendance into the Grading Process. Linda Griffin researched the LSU policies with respect to factoring class attendance into the grading process. She found that from P.S. 44, "At the beginning of each semester, faculty members must distribute written course syllabi in all courses, both graduate and undergraduate, which must state the relative weight of the component factors of the final grade. From the LSU Catalog, "Final grades may not be lowered to reflect a student's poor class attendance". Louis Day decided to withdraw his request and submit a full written proposal this fall.
5. Terry Buchanan introduced material to change the admission standards to the College of Education. This material will be on the agenda for the first meeting in September 2008.
6. Richard L. Bengtson was selected to be the Chair for 2008-2009 the Academic Year.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.