

Admissions, Retention and Financial Aid Committee (ARFAC) Committee

Minutes for May 7, 2002

Present: Judy Kutulas, Paul Niemisto, Amy Schultz, Barb Lundberg, Kathy Ruby

Absent: Bill Green, Jeanine Grenberg, Bob Hanson, Gary Wicks

The minutes from the last April meeting were approved.

Barb updated us on the entering class, which is full. We expect about 780 to 790 first years. The profile is up. The number of multicultural students who have so far enrolled is 51 (last year we had 55 total first year multicultural students). There are more entering students designating the Humanities or the Sciences as their major areas of interest and fewer interested in Fine Arts or Social Sciences. There are 10 special admit students and more than 27 PEP students. The gender balance is 37 percent male and 63 percent female. Since the May 1st deadline is past, the Admissions office will begin to send out withdrawals of offers, except in areas (like males and multicultural admits) where we still desire more students.

Barb also explained that the president has asked for three reports from her office this summer that fall within ARFAC's purview and should be the subject of discussion next year. They are:

On full demonstrated need as a concept.

On the cost of diversity.

On the size and shape of the community.

Barb would also like to examine the Buntrock Scholarships, their size, shape, and the interview process. She is particularly interested in finding ways to engage faculty in campus visits and interviewing.

Kathy Ruby would like to next year have ARFAC consider financial aid deadlines and whether those who fail to meet them might have their financial aid prorated.