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**Scholastic Committee
2015-16 Academic Year
December 1, 2015
Meeting Eleven Approved Minutes**

Present: Steve Gross (chair), Judy Korn, Merc Chasman, Brenda Boever, Ray Schultz, Mike Vandenberg, Jennifer Goodnough, Emma Kloos, Jennifer Rothchild, Dan Magner, Edison Yellick and Madeline Youakim

Absent: Leslie Meek

Guests: Ben Iverson and Bryan Herrmann

- 1. Approve minutes of November 24, 2015, meeting**
Minutes approved with two changes.
- 2. Chair's Report**
No report.
- 3. SCEP Report**
No report.
- 4. Petition #1248 tabled**
- 5. Petition # 1249 tabled**
- 6. Office of Admissions presentation**
Ben Iverson, Director of Admissions, and Bryan Herrmann, Vice Chancellor for Facilities and Finance presented the enrollment statistics for the fall 2015 incoming class (See Addendum One). Some notable points include the following:
 - Admissions believes it might be more manageable to grow enrollment if the University is willing to accept more students in the lower ACT score range.
 - People of European descent are not the fastest growing population, therefore, the University needs to find a way to recruit students of other ethnicities as these populations are growing more rapidly.
 - Admissions would like to look at other predictors of success in addition to ACT scores. The ACT score is considered to be a better predictor of the socioeconomic background of a student rather than a predictor of success, especially with non-caucasian students. Better predictors of success include GPA (more schools are moving away from class rank), courses taken, high school track, and other external factors such as leadership opportunities.
 - Admissions would like to compete with other schools in regards to financial discounts. Currently, the average financial discount is 48 percent. It is difficult to compete with schools offering higher financial discounts and lower tuition. Private schools are offering more scholarships to students in the ACT score range of 24-26. Morris needs to do more in this area to compete with the private schools. The current financial discount model by most private schools is unsustainable, but they are gambling in hopes that this will boost their enrollment totals over the long run.

- With an increase in demand for a U.S. higher education, Admissions is implementing new initiatives targeting international students. One of those initiatives includes the review of British A-Level examinations, which are similar to the International Baccalaureate exams/diploma.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Senger
Office of the Registrar

Addendum One: [Admissions Presentation](#)