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Scholastic Committee
2017-18 Academic Year
October 31, 2017
Meeting Six Approved Minutes

1. Approve minutes of October 24, 2017, meeting

Minutes approved as amended.

2. Chair's Report

Scholastic Committee (SC) will host Jennifer Herrmann, Office of Admissions on November 7. Melissa Bert, Office of Institutional Effectiveness has been rescheduled for November 14.

3. SCEP Report

SCEP is being reviewed by the Committee on Committees. Jennifer Goodnough noted that there is no rule for Committee on Committees membership that requires a member from a coordinate campus, however, the committee does follow an unwritten rule to include someone from a coordinate campus. Goodnough suggested making the unwritten rule a written rule and requested her suggestion be recorded on the record.

4. Review Questions for Admissions

As a prelude to the discussion the committee was asked, "What is our goal for our meeting with Admissions?" Was the purpose of the meeting to be solely informational? Did the SC wish to convey any frustrations? Is the committee trying to further the goal on transcripts?

Some members believe there is a need to clarify the relationship between SC and Admissions. The constitution assigns SC oversight of the Office of the Registrar and the Office of Admissions. The SC has no supervisory capacity, but the committee can make suggestions and share thoughts. Admissions need not make changes unless ordered by Campus Assembly. In the past, SC played a more active role in Admissions. Individual files were brought to SC for review and SC was sought out for consultation on conditional admits.

Some members recall Admissions preparing a report for SC each year providing justification for who was admitted and who was not.

Where do transcripts apply in Admissions policy? Some members were shocked that Admissions does not require college transcripts. Members believed it was degrading to the institution and not in the student's best interest. It was noted that SC has been pushing for college transcripts to be required, but the pushback was always about trying to save the students money. Even after SC presented Admissions with data on how requiring college transcripts could actually save students money they refused to require the transcript.

A main concern of not requiring college transcripts is that students are not being advised properly because advisers don't have all the information. This year alone, there are a dozen students with college transcripts coming in during September and October. The most common problems encountered are students repeating transfer credits or enrolling in the wrong course sequence.

Students also noted that they received no information on how to submit transcripts or results for Advance Placement (AP) exams. Students are getting some information about transferring credits from their Orientation Group Leaders in August instead of in June from their admissions counselor. A seasoned admissions counselor once commented to an adviser that it would be nice if students had their transcripts ahead of registration. The admissions counselor had never heard that admissions counselors should be pushing students to submit college transcripts.

The committee discussed the proposed questions and noted some common themes. The committee also agreed that questions should be sorted with regards to high school students and transfer students.

It was noted that the Admissions transfer page states transfer students should meet or exceed a 2.750 cumulative GPA. SC policy approved by Campus Assembly set the GPA requirement at 2.500 so why is it different on the website? If students are not supplying their college transcripts how would Admissions know their GPA?

The section “If You Don’t Send Official Transcripts” (Addendum Two) in the transfer student pages gives students conflicting information. Preceding that paragraph it talks about applying and submitting all college transcripts, but then below it appears that the college transcripts are not necessary for admission.

How many students were dissuaded from applying after seeing the 2.75 GPA requirement?

The committee would like clarification on first-year admissions policy and transfer admissions policy. If Admissions is not following policy SC would like to know why.

What criteria would not get a student admitted at Morris?

What is the minimum amount of information Admissions uses to make a decision?

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Senger
Office of the Registrar

Addendum One: If You Don’t Send Official Transcripts

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

1. [Apply](#) for admission and [send](#) all of your official college transcripts.
2. We review your transcripts and determine the courses and total credits transferred, the courses that did not transfer, as well as how the transferable courses fulfill any Morris general education or degree requirements.
3. The Transfer Admissions Coordinator (1-888-866-3382) will email you your credit evaluation.
4. Once you confirm your enrollment at Morris and attend a registration session, you can access an updated version of your transfer credit report that shows how your previous credit and Morris courses fulfill degree requirements.

IF YOU WANT AN EVALUATION NOW

We recommend that you apply to Morris before asking for a credit evaluation, as this will shorten your waiting time. You can get an unofficial evaluation, however, by completing both of the following steps:

1. Call the Transfer Admissions Coordinator at 1-888-866-3382 to request a credit evaluation and ask questions;
2. Send official college transcripts to the [Office of Admissions](#).

Official transfer credit evaluations will occur after a student is admitted to Morris.

IF YOU DON'T SEND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

The transfer specialist can't complete an official credit evaluation without official transcripts.

As a preliminary guide to prospective transfer students, Minnesota's public colleges and universities offer the [Transferology](#) service. The website allows students to view courses by college name that have previously been evaluated for transfer.

Still have questions?

If you don't find answers here, try the [Transfer Credits Questions](#) below or contact the [transfer admissions counselor](#).