

Senate Admissions Advisory Committee Report for the 2016-2017 Academic Year

By Kim Woodrum, Chair SAAC

The committee had its first meeting on January 10, 2017. In attendance were Kim Woodrum, Chair; members: Mike Lacki and Jon Stallins; ex officio nonvoting members: Scott Yost, Don Witt and Craig Rudick. Also in attendance were Michelle Nordin, Todd Brann and Katherine McCormick (former Chair of the committee.) We discussed the charge of the committee with Katherine presenting what the committee did the past year. Don Witt discussed the reorganization of the admissions office and the registrar. The enrollment goals for the 2017-2018 academic year was discussed and the new push to encourage transfer students and international students to come to the University of Kentucky was discussed. Also discussed was the change of the scholarship direction and what steps were being taken to begin this change. Don Witt requested a freshman enrollment goal of 4900 students. This number was down by 200 students the previous year's enrollment. The emphasis on transfer students (and scholarships for them) is designed to make up the difference in tuition dollars. The committee voted unanimously to accept that number and a letter of support was sent to Provost Tim Tracy.

The committee met again on March 29, 2017. In attendance were Kim Woodrum, Chair; members Mike Lacki and Jon Stallins; ex officio nonvoting members Scott Yost, Don Witt and Craig Rudick. Also in attendance was Michelle Nordin and Todd Brann. The progress of the enrollment numbers for fall 2017 was discussed along with the measures the admissions office uses to ensure enrollment goals are met. Reasons for variances of the numbers were discussed. Some colleges were up in enrollment and some were down. The steps taken to bring low college numbers up was explained. The Kentucky Future Scholarship program was discussed (need vs. merit based scholarships). Don Witt provided an update on the search committee progress for a new Dean of Admissions and a new Registrar.

Additional updates: Kim Woodrum, Chair, served on both the Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Search Committee and the Registrar Search Committee. Both positions were filled by exceptionally qualified candidates. Our new Dean of Undergraduate Admissions is Mr. Scott McDonald from Texas A&M. The new University of Kentucky Registrar is Kim Taylor from the University of Texas at Austin. Enrollment numbers for Fall 2017 are on target. As of July 6, 2017, Don Witt reported 4916 confirmed students.