

DOCUMENTS AND MINUTES OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

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The legislation set forth below, which originated in the Educational Policy Committee, was approved by the University Council at its meeting on October 18, 1982, classified as major legislation, and as such is being submitted to members of the General Faculty for approval as General Faculty legislation.

Notice is hereby given that this motion will be presented to the Board of Regents for adoption unless signed protests in writing, with reasons, have been received by the Secretary of the General Faculty from ten of the voting members of the General Faculty within ten working days of the date of this publication, in which case the motion will be presented to the General Faculty in formal session for decision.

If this legislation is not protested, it will be transmitted through appropriate channels for Regental approval.

Protests must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by November 29, 1982.

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Recently the Admissions and Registration Committee recommended to President Flawn a stiffening of requirements for the Provisional Admission Program and change in the curriculum for provisionally admitted students. President Flawn rejected the stronger admission requirements and referred the matter of curriculum to the Committee on Educational Policy with the statement that he believed it desirable "to consider establishment of a prescribed curriculum for Provisional Admission Program students." The Educational Policy Committee recommendation to the Council follows a brief further explanation.

The present rules for provisional students require a load of a minimum of 12 semester hours (four courses) selected from English, mathematics, natural science and foreign language. The Admissions Committee recommendation to President Flawn was six hours of English 306 and associated laboratory and counseling, with six additional hours selected from Areas A, B, C and D in the Liberal Arts degree program. The Educational Policy Committee recommendation is similar to the latter, but would allow only four semester hours for the English course and would specify more definitely the courses that might be selected for the remaining minimum of 12 hours.

The Educational Policy Committee believes that provisionally admitted students should be required to demonstrate their ability to do successful work toward a University degree by taking reasonably representative courses rather than remedial special classes. The required set of courses should be narrow enough that the work of all students is of comparable difficulty, yet broad enough to take into account various degree requirements and special interests and aptitudes. It should allow provisional students to make progress toward a degree while demonstrating general ability. The courses required should be foundation courses in their respective areas, and they should not concentrate the burden of instruction on a few departments. The Educational Policy Committee places special emphasis on English writing as a fundamental skill of critical importance to general success in University work.

RECOMMENDATION

[On October 18, 1982, the University Council substituted the wording shown below for that submitted by the Educational Policy Committee and then approved the Recommended Curriculum as modified.]

Every student who enters the University under the Provisional Admission Program will be required to register for four courses for a total of at least twelve semester hours.

One of these courses must be in English. The specific course will be determined by the Department of English on the basis of the student's performance on a placement examination.

The remaining three courses must be chosen from three of the following four groups:

Group I Foreign Language

Group II Mathematics

Group III Anthropology
Classics
Economics
Geography
Government
History
Linguistics
Philosophy
Psychology
Sociology

Group IV Astronomy
Biology
Botany
Chemistry
Computer Sciences
Geology
Microbiology
Physics
Zoology

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A provisionally admitted student will be required to register according to the published schedule and to participate in an orientation program at the time of registration.

A provisionally admitted student who completes the prescribed courses with a grade-point average of at least 2.0 will be granted regular admission to the University. A provisionally admitted student who does not complete these courses or who earns a grade-point average less than 2.0 will be dismissed from the University.