Annual Report of the Admissions & Records Policy Committee for 1977-78

The A & R Policy Committee handled only two agenda items during the Fall semester. The first was the question of whether UW-M should continue to collect religious preference information, on a voluntary basis, via the registration forms. On October 17, 1977 the Committee held open hearings to determine whether it would be practicable to collect information concerning student interest for all registered student organizations who wanted to obtain such information. On the basis of what we learned, at the hearing, the Committee decided that it would be quite practicable to collect information for any registered student organization, religious or otherwise. The Committee therefore passed the following resolution:

"The Committee recommends that the university collect information concerning student interest, via the registration forms, for registered student organizations. The groups desiring this information will pay the costs of recovering it."

The second item concerned the question of whether official transcripts on file at UW-M should be accepted by the Graduate School--reversing the present policy which requires the student to have a new transcript sent to the Graduate School even if a transcript is already on file in the records office. The Committee passed the following resolution:

"When requested by a student, his or her undergraduate transcripts for work completed at other institutions and accepted for admission to a UW-M undergraduate program shall be accepted for the student's further application to the UW-M Graduate School."

"When requested by a student, the Graduate School shall cooperate in supplying transcripts or copies of transcripts in the possession of the Graduate School to other UW-M units in need of such transcripts for admission to programs."

The Committee is currently reconsidering these resolutions at the request of the Graduate School. In addition, we are considering whether to create a special category of students--to be called "unclassified specials"--who do not meet the standard admissions requirements, to be admitted to UW-M under special conditions or procedures.

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