Recommendations of the Admissions & Records Policy Committee

Recommendation I

Revise the new freshman admission requirements to UW-M, effective Spring 1989 as follows:

English (At least 3 years of Composition and Literature courses recommended)  4 units
Algebra  1 unit
Geometry  1 unit
Science (Including one unit of a laboratory science consisting of biology, chemistry or physics)  2 units
History/Social Studies  3 units

Additional academic units in English, Communications/Speech, Advanced Mathematics, History/Social Studies, Natural Science, Foreign Language  3 units

Additional units from any of the above areas, computer science or the arts  2 units

Total Units required:  16 units

Note: These requirements supersede previously published admission standards - notably those appearing in the 1987-89 Undergraduate Bulletin - intended to go into effect for Fall, 1990. Special consideration may be given to applicants who graduate(d) from high school prior to Fall, 1991 and who are deficient high school units as a result of not being given advance notice about the additional coursework required for admission.

Rationale:

The UW Board of Regents at its June 5, 1987 meeting changed the minimum admission standards for new freshmen graduating from high schools after Fall 1988. This action necessitates modification of UWM's Fall 1990 and the recently approved Fall 1991 new freshmen requirements. The above recommendation will put UWM in compliance with the new Board of Regents requirements and still maintain the spirit of the previously approved requirements.
Recommendation II

Eliminate the use of fixed application deadlines and establish instead appropriate "priority dates" for considering new freshmen, transfer and special student applications.

Note 1: The specific "priority dates" utilized may change from year to year, based upon the previous year's experience with applications and applicant yield. Priority dates for a given term will be established approximately one year in advance.

Note 2: These procedures supersede previously approved faculty legislation mandating use of fixed application deadlines for new freshmen, transfer and special students.

Rationale:

The use of fixed deadlines for freshmen, transfer and special students without college degrees was mandated by faculty legislation approved in 1985 and 1986. Experience this past year (1987) has shown that this approach may not be the most effective for UWM, given the nature of the student body we serve and the attendant difficulty in predicting applicant yield well in advance of a given term. A more appropriate means of controlling the applicant flow while giving priority to qualified applicants who apply early would appear to be presented by the use of application priority dates rather than fixed deadlines.

The two recommendations were passed unanimously at the September 21, 1987 meeting of the Admission and Records Policy Committee.

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