To: Faculty Senate  
From: Carol H. Seery, Chair of the Admissions and Records Policy Committee  
Date: May 12, 2005  

Major Issues Discussed:

1. ENROLLMENT REPORTS - The committee was provided with on-going updates on enrollments at our meetings by B. Weckmueller.

2. UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT CRITERIA – the Enrollment Management Steering Committee charged the ARPC to review UWM’s current undergraduate admission requirements:

   Published admission criteria will be reviewed and possibly modified to both limit undergraduate enrollment growth and facilitate improved student preparation for the standard college curriculum.

   Criteria for students admitted under exception to published admission standards will be reviewed and possibly modified to facilitate increased student retention and graduation.

   Members of the Milwaukee Commitment Advisory Panel, as well as other faculty/staff with interest, were invited to participate in the ARPC discussions about admission requirement modifications. At the March and April meetings, motions were passed to make the following 3 recommendations:

   1. Establish a minimum ACT score of 17 (or equivalent SAT) for standard admission of otherwise qualified applicants. In practice, this would move students who rank in the top half of the high school class who have ACT scores below 17 from the standard admission category to the discretionary admission category.

   2. The Admissions and Records Policy Committee emphasized that retention and academic success are not described by simple formulas, and proposed that academic units should be afforded additional options of selectivity with respect to the criteria for discretionary admission. In particular the Admissions and Records Policy committee recommended that units be given the option to designate as either standard or discretionary the admission category for otherwise qualified freshman applicants who rank in the bottom quartile of their high school class and have ACT scores of 21 or more.

   3. Finally, the committee noted that UWM retention and success data largely support the academic potential of students with ACT scores of 19 and 20 whose high school class rank is between the 40th and 50th percentile. To maintain the admission regulation afforded by current standards, yet acknowledge student potential for applicants in this group, the Admissions and Records Policy Committee recommended that academic units be given the option to either continue to review these applicants on an individual basis (as discretionary) or if preferred, to instruct Enrollment Services to admit them directly, as is currently the case with other “unit guidelines” students.
4. BUSINESS SCHOLARS PROGRAM - The committee considered a request for transcript notation for Business Scholar students. It was learned that the program is under review as a submajor by the UWM Academic Program and Curriculum Committee (APCC). No action was deemed necessary, since if approved as a submajor, it would be given transcript notation.

5. OTHER ACTIONS – The motion was passed to grant FTE status to students enrolled in Bus Adm 439.

Chair: Carol Seery

Number of meetings held in the 04-05 year: 10
Dates of meetings: Sep. 4, Oct. 5, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 18, Feb. 9, Feb. 18, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 6
Members in attendance at the meetings: Usually 8 to 10

Members of the Admissions and Records Policy Committee:

Meeting guests during the 04-05 year:
Diane Amour, Junhong Chen, Bob Ellis, Kim Folstein, Jennifer Gruenewald, Mikki Guerra, Anthony Hightower, Todd Johnson, Amy McNallie, Janice Miller, Laurie Petersen, Ruth Russell, Greg Thomas, William Velez, Patricia Villareal, Gwyn Wallander, Gary L. Williams, Dawn Koerten, Paul Fischer, Dave Haseman of the School of Business Administration