Annual Report of the Admissions Committee, 1969-70

Committee's Functions:

"To study the admission policies of the University of Wisconsin as they apply to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In case local conditions seem to warrant local variations in admission policy, the Committee shall make recommendations to the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee which, if approved, shall be transmitted to the University administration for possible adoption. Liaison with the University Admissions Council shall be maintained through the members who are on both committees." (UWM PM 11-13-58, 5-14-64, and 11-11-65; FD 333).

Meetings:

The committee met three times during the past year.

On October 1, 1969, the committee elected its Chairman and Secretary for the coming year.

On November 6, 1969, the committee met to discuss the request of the University Committee-Milwaukee with respect to including students on the committee. The committee was unanimously of the opinion that student representation on the Admissions Committee would prove beneficial in terms of student morale and the new angle of vision that the students would provide. Therefore, it was resolved, and a resolution to the effect was sent to the University Committee-Milwaukee, that the Admissions Committee approved the idea of adding students to its membership, that for its own purposes the committee would suggest that there be half as many students on the committee as there were voting faculty members; and that the students be given a vote. It is hoped that when the Chancellor makes appointments to this committee for the coming year, 1970-1971, he consult Student Government with respect to interested and eligible students who might be appointed to the committee. The committee also discussed the possibility of granting voting privileges to ex-officio members, but the question was set aside for the present.

On March 20, 1970, a meeting was called to discuss questions which had arisen during the University Admissions Council meeting on December 2, 1969, at the WSU campus in Fond du Lac. In response to a resolution that had been offered at that meeting by the Green Bay Campus Admissions Committee, asking that "the geometry requirement be dropped in favor of two years of mathematical experience," the Committee voted 3-2 in favor of the change and advised its chairman to act in accordance with this decision when the question is brought up at the Council meeting. The Committee also discussed, in response to the Admissions Council's request, the resolutions of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) of October 11, 1969, with respect to the admission of minority students and students of high risk standing. The Committee reviewed UWM's program for high-risk students, and after much discussion passed the following resolution, which the Chairman was instructed to convey to the University Admissions Council: that each unit in the University of Wisconsin System establish a program for high-risk students.
that would lead towards regular admission at a time appropriate to the student's development. The Chairman was also instructed to confer with Professor Spaights with respect to the program already established on this campus and to report back to the Committee. The general feeling of the committee was that a preliminary program for high risk students would ensure more satisfactory results in the long run. The committee also voted against the proposition to include information concerning race on any of the admissions papers or follow-up documents, even for record keeping purposes. The committee discussed the possibility of charging an application fee for students requesting admission to the University, in response to a Council request to consider the matter, but decided to table the question until more statistical information could be obtained from the Registrar with respect to students who apply for admission but do not follow through at entrance time.

Recommendation to the Faculty:

None

Business Still Pending Consideration:

The question of *ex-officio* voting representation on the committee.

The question of application fees for students seeking admission.

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