

Admissions and Credits Committee
September 16, 2022

Members Present

Ed Beason
Daniel Braun
Harry Ingle
Carol McGee
Robert Owens
Seong Park
Dennis Tennant
Hannah Thomas
Tom Timmerman
Lenly Weathers
Stephanie Wendt
Kayla Wilson
Rachel Wingo
Rena Wood

Members Absent

Barbara Jared
Andrew Smith

Guests

Karen Lykins
Kimberly Winkle

Dr. Beason called the meeting to order and ask for the members and guests to introduce themselves to the group since a couple of new members had been appointed to the committee for this academic year. After introductions, Dr. Beason shared information about the committee's role especially the decisions made by the members of the Holistic Review Committee.

Dr. Beason touched on some of the action that was taken by the committee at the last meeting in March with regard on the admission of transfer students using a sliding scale similar to what was in place for students who were applying as freshman and did not meet the published admission requirements. This allows the Director of Admission to approve admitting students without sending the applicants to the committee for a decision to be made. He also shared duties of the Holistic Review Subcommittee and what was taken into consideration when the members are reviewing applicants who are seeking admission to the University.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Tennant made the motion to approve the agenda as presented to the committee and Dr. Rob Owens second the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of March 1 Minutes

Dr. Weathers made the motion to approve the minutes as presented to the committee and Dr. Wendt second the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Advanced Placement Exams for the School of Art, Craft and Design

Dr. Beason recognized Professor Winkle who serves as the Director for the School of Art, Craft and Design. Prof. Winkle shared with the committee that the faculty propose credit awarded for four Advanced Placement exams if students score 4 or 5 on the exam. The General Education Committee has approved for ART 1035 to be awarded for the AP Art History Exam if the student scores a 4 or 5 on the exam. Prof. Winkle shared with the committee members that other institutions awarded similar credit for these results on the exams. Dr. Tennant questioned if this would follow the same AP exam policy as other exams like History or is this a test by exam. Prof. Winkle confirmed that these are Advanced Placement exams which the School faculty request to recognize. She followed up with informing the members that the effective date requested was for the students who are admitted to the University Fall 2023. Dr. Wendt made the motion to approve the request and Dr. Park second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The second item that Prof. Winkle presented was that the faculty request for the AP Exams 2D Design, 3D Design and Drawing be recognized in order to award one lower-division three credit hour studio elective for students who score a 4 or 5. Dr. Weathers made the motion to approve the request and Prof. Wood second the motion. Question was posed on the number of elective credit hours in the program. Prof. Winkle responded that the BFA and BS in the School require different elective hours. Discussion was held by the members. The request is for only three credit hours of lower-division studio elective credit be awarded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Creation of Holistic Review Subcommittee

Dr. Beason shared with the members that he didn't want any misperception that if the student does not meet the requirements that the committee is a work around. He shared the breadth of exception that he had experienced while serving on the committee. The committee members are trying to determine if the student can be successful based on what is submitted to the members. Discussion was held. He called for volunteers to serve on the Holistic Review Subcommittee for the 2022-2023 academic year. Dr. Rob Owens, Dr. Tennant, Prof. Wingo, Ms. McGee, and Ms. Wilson agreed to serve along with Dr. Beason.

Such Other Items

Dr. Beason questioned if there were any other items that needed to come before the committee. Prof. Winkle questioned how the campus would be notified about the approval of the AP exams. Ms. Winningham shared the process on how credit was awarded when scores were received by the University. Ms. Wilson stated the Launchpad advisors use the Admissions' site for information purposes.

Ms. Lykins questioned if anyone had looked at the numbers for retention purposes of admitted students through the holistic process or if enough time had passed. Dr. Beason responded that Dr. Steve Keller was gathering that information. He also shared that the committee has been in place for three years. Further discussion was held by the committee members. With no other items to discuss, Dr. Rob Owens made the motion to adjourn and Prof. Wingo second the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.