

**UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ACADEMIC SENATE**

**February 6, 2009**

**Minutes of the  
Task Force on Admission and Retention**

Members Present:

Dr. Carolyn Cousin  
Dr. Arlene King Berry  
Dr. Rosie Sneed  
Professor Elgloria Harrison

Members Not Present:

Mr. Mark Farley  
Dr. Hailemichael Seyoum

Guest Present:

Ms. Laverne Hill-Flanagan  
Dr. Grae Baxter  
Ms. Marian Smith

1. Meeting called to order by Dr. Cousin at 1:00 PM in Room 307 C Building 44  
Dr. Cousin indicated that Dr. Minus was invited to the meeting; however she was out of town. Ms. Hill-Flanagan and Provost Baxter attended the meeting in her place.
2. Dr. Cousin referred the committee members to the minutes for review.  
Dr. Cousin indicated that she received a document titled **“Elements to be included in the Resolution to support revised Admissions Standards”** for the committee review. This document was developed by Dr. Minus office and presented to this committee for consideration. Ms. Hill-Flanagan spoke to this document and provided concrete evidence of
3. The committee reviewed and compared the following Universities

**Presented by Dr. Sneed**

Wayne State University  
Jackson State University

**Presented by Professor Harrison**

University of Maryland-College Park  
Michigan State University  
West Virginia University –Morgantown

**Presented by Dr. Seyoum**  
West Virginia State University – HBCU  
Delaware State University  
Howard University

**Presented by Dr. Kingberry**  
Oklahoma State University at Tulsa

**Presented by Dr. Cousin**  
Hampton University  
Morehouse College  
Spellman College

At the conclusion of the review the committee was able to make the following recommendations for admission criteria to be used by the UDC Flagship University.

1. High School Diploma or a GED
2. GPA and SAT or ACT Scores

GPA	SAT SCORE	ACT SCORE
2.0	1500	25
2.5	1200	22
3.0	1000	20
3.5	N/A	N/A

3. High School preparatory requirements
  - 4 years of English
  - 3 years of Math (geometry, trigonometry, algebra or calculus)
  - 2 years of Science with a laboratory
  - 2 years of Social science
  - 2 years of Foreign Language (optional- can be used to strengthen application)
  - 1 year of Fine arts (optional-can be used to strengthen application)
4. Completed application with a \$75 application fee.
5. Other admissions criteria to be considered
  - Letters of recommendations - (from, teachers, guidance counselors, etc)
  - Community services (quantity and quality of the community service)
  - ,Students involved in real-life practica, workforce or military service athletic activities

6. The Committee made two final recommendations, they are as follows:
  - An invitation sent to Dr. Bertha Minus to discuss retention at a future meeting
  - The establishment of an Admission Committee who will review all applications
7. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2009 at 1:00 PM, Room to be announced by Dr. Cousin.

The committee is to review the Retention document and prepare for discussion and recommendations for retention.