

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

COMMITTEE REPORT - ADMISSION AND RETENTION

February 10, 2009

1. This committee convened two meetings, January 23, 2009 and February 6, 2009, both held in Building 44 Room 307 C at 1:00 pm.

2. Members present:

January 23, 2009

February 6, 2009

Dr. Cousin
Dr. King Berry
Dr. Sneed
Professor Harrison
Dr. Hailemichael Seyoum

Dr. Cousin
Dr. King Berry
Dr. Sneed
Professor Harrison
Dr. Hailemichael Seyoum-excused absence

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

3. Committee members agreed at the February 6, 2009 meeting that Professor Harrison will be the on-going chair of this committee.

4. Professor Harrison indicates that the committee should expect to meet one or two more meetings to discuss the issue of student retention.

5. The purpose of the Admission and Retention ad hoc committee is to develop Admission standards for UDC four year flagship University.

This committee makes the following recommendations with regards to the Admission criteria for the 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, military service or athletic activities

6. Committee recommends the establishment of an Admissions Committee who will review applications.

7. Committee supports the policy that has been developed within the Provost office. The policy reads as follows:

The proposed minimum admissions standards, 2.5 GPA and 1200 on the SAT, or 2.0 GPA and 1400 on the SAT, are justified and necessary. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that the minimum admissions Standards for the Flagship State University of the District of Columbia be approved as stated above.

8. The committee members agree to continue our meeting to address the issue of Student retention and will be able to offer recommendations at the Academic Senate meeting in March.