Faculty Alliance

Motion 2014-02
Baccalaureate Minimum Standards

MOTION: Faculty Alliance approves the following motion and minimum standards for admission into baccalaureate degree programs for consideration by each university in the University of Alaska system. Faculty Senate presidents shall present it to their faculty senates for consideration and approval at the next regularly scheduled senate meeting.

RATIONALE: Faculty Alliance recognizes these are minimum standards and that individual programs and institutions may set baccalaureate admission standards higher than the minimums. Further, the establishment of minimum admissions standards should not prevent individual programs and institutions from establishing policies that allow for individual exceptions or admission on probationary basis.

Registrars at each university in the University of Alaska System will need to redirect students who do not meet the minimum standard for baccalaureate programs to pre-baccalaureate options and support programs, or appeals processes, where they exist. Each university will also need to assess and advise these students and provide academic support to help them identify and attain their educational goals. Each university will use best practices and the characteristics of their student body to tailor programs to needs of students who enroll but do not meet the minimum standards for admission into baccalaureate degree programs.

PROPOSED MOTION FOR APPROVAL BY THE FACULTY SENATES:

The _____ Faculty Senate approves the proposed UA common minimum baccalaureate admission standards for first-time, first-year students and transfer students with fewer than 30 college-level credits. This motion does not alter the admissions process for international students, homeschool students who did not complete a state-recognized program, or students who transfer 30 or more college-level credits from other institutions.

Option 1: have a high school diploma, pass either the 16-credit math & science or social studies & language high school core curriculum required for the Alaska Performance Scholarship with a GPA of at least 2.5, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0. No minimum ACT or SAT score is required, OR

Option 2: have a high school diploma, have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.0, and submit results of the ACT with a minimum score of 18 or SAT with a minimum score of 1290 or approved scores necessary for placement into GER-level English and mathematics courses on approved placement test(s), OR
Option 3: have a high school diploma or GED and submit ACT, SAT, or approved placement test scores necessary for placement into GER-level ENGL and MATH or successfully complete college coursework necessary for placement into GER-level English and mathematics courses.

These standards, procedures, and support programs shall be implemented by fall 2016.

For action by the President of the University of Alaska

Approved: ___________________________ Date: ____________________

Modified: ___________________________ Date: ____________________

Disapproved: _________________________ Date: ____________________

Comments: