

ITEM 148-104-R0910
Consolidated Admissions

THAT

In a continuing effort to promote clarity and transparency, the academic officers of the Montana University System request approval from the Board of Regents to collapse six admissions policies into two.

EXPLANATION

Following a parent/student complaint in December 2009, Jan Clinard and Tyler Trevor developed a “one-pager” on Admissions (<http://mus.edu/data/briefs/AdmissionStandards-OnePager.pdf>). Broadly positive response to that one-pager, as well as goals developed for the Success Agenda, led us to ask Jan to lead the task of consolidating and updating six different admissions policies.

At their meeting in Helena in January 2010, the Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) and Chief Student Affairs Officers (SAOs) selected a group of campus representatives to work with Jan. Since then, they have worked together in meetings, through conference calls, and by email. Their charge was to make the policies easier to understand and to condense them into a more user-friendly structure. Two new sections were added to existing policy in order to address goals in the Success Agenda: 1) to strengthen enrollment management strategies and 2) to reaffirm the open admissions concept of the two-year colleges.

Reaction to the group’s end product has been uniformly positive. The CAOs and SAOs met again in August 2010 and endorsed the improved policies. Further, several high school counselors have reviewed the revisions and found them consistent and clear.

ATTACHMENTS

Updated Policy