

Committee on Admissions and Student Aid (CASA)

Annual Report 2001 - 2002

The Committee on Admissions and Student Aid met six times during the 2001-2 academic year. The committee received reports on admissions and student aid from Mary Lou Bates and Bob Shorb. In addition the committee was involved in the following issues.

1. Both admissions and financial aid contributed material for the "Handbook on Admissions and Student Aid." This material is very helpful to new members of the CASA and the community.
2. The Financial Aid sub-group of the Strategic Plan, including CASA, Mary Lou Bates, Sandy Baum, Bob Shorb, Karl Broekhuizen worked on a detailed plan for expanding financial aid to support more competitive need-based assistance. This was included in the Strategic Plan presented to and approved by the Board of Trustees in May.
3. Bob Massa, VP for Enrollment, Student Life and College Relations at Dickinson College was retained to evaluate our current practices in needs analysis and financial aid packaging to determine if we are most strategically allocating our financial aid resources in support of our enrollment goals. The committee received his report and recommendations in February.
4. The Strategic Plan Diversity sub-group including CASA, Mary Lou Bates, Jack Ling, Paty Rubio, Grace Burton, Felicia Gomez and Jim Chansky addressed increasing enrollment of students of color, international students, and students from economic backgrounds that make affording college difficult.
5. The committee voted in favor of offering some need based financial aid to 1 - 2 strong international students for Fall 2002 enrollment as long as there was no impact on currently enrolled students or other diversity in the incoming class.
6. John Young represented admissions on the Athletic Review Committee. Recommendations are included in the Athletic Review Document available in the Dean of Faculty office.
7. Four market research finalists made presentations on campus. Mark Edwards was chosen to help assess how Skidmore is perceived. This information will help to guide the admissions process in the future.

2001-2002 Membership

Mary Lou Bates
Sandy Baum
Vane Becidyan '03
Denise Evert
Victor Gonzalez (Fall)
Sue Layden (Spring)
Kate Leavitt (Chair)
Andrew Lindner '03
Mike Meguerdichian '02
Bob Shorb
Barb Opitz
John Young

2002-2003 Membership

Mary Lou Bates
Michael Clapper
Katie Hauser (1 Year Replacement for Sandy Baum)
Sue Layden
Kate Leavitt (Chair)

Bob Shorb
Student Affairs Representative appointee
John Young
3 students to be named by SGA