

Committee on Admissions and Student Aid (CASA)
Annual Report 2003-2004

The Committee on Admissions and Student Aid met 6 times during the 2003-2004 academic year. In addition the committee hosted an informational meeting on admissions and financial aid for faculty/staff with children applying to Skidmore or other colleges. The committee received monthly reports on admissions and student aid from Mary Lou Bates and Bob Shorb. In addition the committee was involved in the following issues:

1. Throughout the academic year the Committee monitored the progress of student athletes admitted under the Athletic Admissions Policy that was established the previous year. At the close of the year the committee reviewed the academic success of these students as a group and by specific sport.
2. The committee reviewed data on the academic performance of currently enrolled legacies and currently enrolled faculty/staff dependents. While no policy on admitting special populations of students was initiated, the informational meeting for faculty/staff was held partly to make faculty/staff aware of the guidelines and criteria for acceptance to Skidmore.
3. The Committee received and discussed several reports. Mary Lou Bates reported on her attendance at the Small College Conference on Financial Aid and shared her conference presentation with the Committee. Ann Henderson and Joe Stankovich attended a meeting to present and discuss the findings of the NSSE report (National Survey of Student Engagement).
4. The committee reviewed several issues in regard to predicting student performance. The impact of the recently instituted policy of removing SAT scores from a student's AQR in the admissions process was discussed as well as information from the College Board on predicting student performance from SAT testing. In light of the changes in SAT testing that will occur in 2005, the role of SAT testing in predicting student performance will be reconsidered in the Fall of 2004.
5. The Committee approved the following policy on test scores that will go into effect in March 2005.

Those students applying for admission to the class of 2010 who take the SAT in January 2005 (old SAT without the writing component) will not have to re-take the new SAT after March 2005 to include the writing component.

Starting with the class of 2011, those students who wish to submit the ACT in lieu of the SAT will be required to submit the ACT with writing component.

6. The Committee discussed the issue of recruiting international students and agreed to revisit the issue in the fall semester.

2003-2004 Membership

Mary Lou Bates, Dean of Admissions and Student Aid
Bob Shorb, Director of Student Aid and Family Finance
John Young, Director of Admissions
Mark Hofmann (chair), Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
Alice Dean (2 year replacement), Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
Tim Burns (1 year replacement), Department of Government
Christina Levith, Associate Director, Dean of Studies (ex-officio)
Sue Layden, Director of Higher Education Opportunity Program (ex-officio)
Erika Entinger '06
Cheryl Jacobs '06

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(Returning student representatives Erika Entinger '06

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Respectfully submitted,

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2003-2004 Chair