

Senate Admissions & Retention Council
Meeting: November 11, 2009

Minutes

Present: M. Rudnick, I. Dimaio, L. Sutera, D. Judd, C. Mulrine, P. Von Dohlen, R. Wolk, C. Aiello

Meeting called to order 12:35 p.m.

Council welcomed new members: Lutezia Sutera and Iris Dimaio

Council discussed maximum number of credits that should be accepted from CC transfer students:

1. With an A.A. degree from a Community College, all GenEd courses at WPUNJ are waived. This is usually 60 credits. However students often take more than 60.
2. Although we are competing with MSU for transfer students, Council agreed that we cannot look at their policies as a model for our own – even if they accept more credits from C.C.
3. How many transfer credits can count toward the Major? This should be left up to each department because of various departmental requirements. WPUNJ should accept some C.C. courses that transfer at the 200 level, but should not accept 300 level courses, which we want students to complete at WPUNJ as part of their major.
4. Question was resolved by agreeing that departments can adopt their own policies regarding 200 level transfer courses in the Major. Council also agreed to recommend retaining our current policy of accepting up to 70 transfer credits. However, a minimum of 30 credits in the Major must be completed at WPUNJ. (Some depts., such as Math, have 42 or more credits in Major)
5. Rationale: - courses above 60 can be counted as free electives
- retaining the 30 credit minimum in Major will not dilute the quality of the degree
6. Council discussed I. Dimaio's proposal that Admissions should partner with Continuing Ed Department's Summer Program, or other programs, that reach out to Middle School and High School students who come to WPUNJ. This would be a good way of getting them to know the campus and considering us as a school when they are ready to apply. Council agreed that this was a good idea, and will follow up with a recommendation to the Senate.

7. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Next meeting on December 3 will be conducted at Valley Road. M. Rudnick advised that he could get a meeting room.

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