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Undergraduate Council

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Academic Policies and Procedures Committee

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as amended.

SUBJECT: UC 11379 11F: Proposal for Changes to the Admission Requirements to the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management

DATE: February 15, 2012

The Academic Policies and Procedures Committee met on Wednesday, February 15 to consider a proposal to change the admission requirements to the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management. Participating in the discussion were committee members Leonard Bachman, Preston Broom, Bill Dupre, Tamara Fish, Richard Scamell, Kevin Simon, Steven Soutullo, and Jerry Waite.

Background

The Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management has experienced a continued growth in its undergraduate student enrollment over the past ten years. The Undergraduate enrollment increased from 638 in Fall 2002 to 1022 in Fall 2011. The proposed changes are in line with the University of Houston System's Strategic Initiatives to strive for academic excellence in undergraduate education. The justification for increasing the SAT I score, ACT score and transfer GPA is meant to improve the overall academic qualifications for students intending to enroll at the University of Houston's Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management. This will lead the college to produce graduates who are better prepared to pursue careers in the hospitality industry.

Freshman Admission

Automatic Admissions Criteria

Freshman applicants who graduate in the top ten percent of their high school classes will be automatically admitted to the University of Houston Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management. All applicants, regardless of class rank, must submit SAT I or ACT scores.

Regular Admission Criteria

Applicants will be admitted to the University of Houston Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management if they meet the following criteria:

- Students who rank between 11 and 25 percent of their high school class must have a minimum 1050 SAT I (critical reading and mathematics) or ACT of 21.
- Students who rank between 25 and 50 percent of their high school class must have a minimum 1100 SAT I (critical reading and mathematics) or ACT of 24.
- Students who rank in the bottom 50% of their high school class will have their applications individually reviewed.

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Transfer Student Admission Criteria

Applicants to the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management who have earned 15 or more semester credit hours at another university must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.85 or higher for regular admission. Likewise applicants to the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management who have earned 15 or more semester credit hours at the University of Houston desiring to change their major must have a cumulative grade

point average of 2.85 or higher to be accepted into the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management.

Discussion

The Committee's comments centered primarily on if it was the intention of the College of Hotel and Restaurant Management to require a 2.85 cumulative grade point average or higher to apply to both students transferring from other universities and community colleges as well as to current University of Houston students seeking to transfer from another college (e.g., the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences) or from the Undergraduate Scholars Division. Subsequent discussion by the faculty in the College confirmed that the 2.85 cumulative grade point average applied to both groups of students.

Recommendation

The Committee voted:

- Seven "aye."
- One abstention