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MEMORANDUM

To: Wynne Chin
Chair, University Coordinating Commission

From: Elaine Charlson [REDACTED]

Date: November 15, 2007

Re: Undergraduate Council Policy Document

Attached for review by UCC is a Proposal for Mandatory Student Orientation (UC 9359 07F) that has been reviewed and approved by the Undergraduate Council.

MAD/My Documents/University Coordinating Commission/AVP policy submission Nov 07

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TO: Undergraduate Council

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FROM: Enrollment Management Task Force and Orientation Task Force
Subcommittee

DATE: September 7, 2007

RE: Undergraduate Council Proposal: Mandatory Orientation

The Enrollment Management Task Force (EMTF) and the Orientation Task Force (OTF) recommend that Orientation for freshmen be required by 2008. Orientation is in the process of significant development. The 2007 Orientation incorporated a number of improvements including the transition to online Orientation registration and confirmation. Similarly, the transition to online Math placement testing in 2007 freed two hours for other programming opportunities and allowed advisors immediate access to test scores. The 2008 Orientation will benefit further from close analysis of the program content, schedule, and participants.

EMTF and OTF recommend that the Orientation policy be changed.

Current Policy (2005-2007 Undergraduate Catalog, page 33):

Orientation

New Students

All new freshmen and transfer students are expected to attend orientation. The program is designed to acquaint new students with the campus and the many resources that can enhance both academic success and personal development. The orientation program focuses on several important areas, including the curriculum, academic advising, placement testing, campus activities, student organizations, and campus facilities. Registration also takes place at orientation. During orientation, new students have an opportunity to interact with upperclassmen, faculty, and university staff members. By attending orientation, new students will be best prepared for the start of the first semester.

Information about orientation is mailed directly to new students who have been admitted to the university. Questions about orientation should be directed to:

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Proposed Policy:

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