

The Admissions Advisory Committee met on Oct 6, 2008 in the International Center.

The committee received a report from Mr. Woody Pelton, International Center Director.

- Queens University in Charlotte offers an Intensive English Language program. An international student until recently had to complete the program with an ELS level 9 (of 12) to be admitted. ELS is a national program. The new requirement is ELS level 12.
 - ACAD 103 is a new bridging course. The course is ACAD 101 plus language oriented support. ACAD 103 is a 3 credit course. The course helps students make the transition from a foreign school to Winthrop. Example differences students might encounter: the ability to select courses or change majors, academic dishonesty seen has helping not cheating. The teachers are Drs. Terry Norton and Gloria Jones. The first 2 sections are being offered this Fall.
 - Writing (113) is a planned bridging course. The course would be an intensive grammar and writing course to precede Writ 101. Students would take a placement test to determine if 113 is needed. The first offering of the course could be this Spring. The English Department would teach the course.
 - Winthrop has low representation from the Asian countries. Language might be the barrier. The new bridging courses should help.
 - SC's new illegal immigration Reform ACT (SAVE) poses a concern for Admissions and the International Center. The legislation is effective June 2008 and requires current students and new admissions to verify citizenship. The Admissions office and the International Center are unsure of exactly what constitutes citizenship verification and await a policy from the Board of Trustees.
 - Based on input from President DiGiorgio, the International Center is developing a plan to actively recruit international students and increase their enrollment.
 - An International Student is defined as anyone in a non-immigrant status, anyone in the US on a non-immigrant visa (meaning they do not intend to immigrate).
 - The Saudi government has a scholarship for their students that pays for them to be educated in the US. This is a full scholarship: tuition, housing, everything. Iraq is starting a similar scholarship program.
- Ms. Deborah Barber, Director Admissions, stated Admissions had hired a consultant to make a "secret" campus visit. Because of the consultant's feedback, many changes were made to Joynes including a more relaxed lobby and more interview space. In addition, student tours now include stories instead of facts and a fact sheet is available. Research shows that the campus visit by parents and students is one of the most important recruitment efforts. The consultant will conduct a second visit to determine how much the campus visit program has improved. Ms Barber also provided an Enrollment Management Report.

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