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MEMORANDUM

TO: Priority Registration Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Roberta Kelly, Interim University Registrar

SUBJECT: Fall 2010 PRAC Meeting Notes for March 15, 2010

DATE: March 29, 2009

The Priority Registration Advisory Committee met on March 15, 2010 to review the submissions requesting priority registration for Fall 2010 early registration. Committee members present for the meeting held in Upendo Room 1119 of SASB North were Daniel Anderson, Beth Kurtz-Costes, Cheryl Thomas, Dulcie Straughan, Kira Lumsden, Diana Poulimenos, and Roberta Kelly. Suzanne Gulledge was unable to attend due to a prior work commitment.

Guests included: John Blanchard, Senior Associate Director of Athletics; Robert Mercer, Director of Academic Support Programs for Athletics; Susan Maloy, Assistant Athletic Director for Certification and Eligibility, and Doruk Onvural, a reporter for The Daily Tarheel.

The meeting opened with introductions, and a review of the outcomes of the Spring 2010 priority registration process where students enrolled in a total of 945 sections during their priority times with only 7% or 68 sections exceeding the goal of using no more than 15% of the available seats in any one section. The committee noted that in addition to having more information available such as which sections exceeded the 15% cap and the majors and academic level of students who enrolled in these sections, it would be helpful to know the total number of undergraduate sections available for registration and the percentage of sections in which priority registrants enrolled.

The Committee completed their review of all documents and the results are indicated on the attached spreadsheet. Beth Kurtz-Costes moved and Dan Anderson seconded the motion to approve all of the applications in one vote. The group decided that there was an interest in having some discussion for several of the applications, so the motion was withdrawn.

Discussion followed where the committee noted the straight forward rationale that had been provided for each of the applications, and the similarity of the groups submitting applications with the exception of C-Step which was a new group. Dr. Kurtz-Costes noted that she along with Cynthia Demetriou had brought several different groups together to discuss the priority registration process and to collaborate on students who might benefit from the priority registration process. The group was supportive of the idea to broaden the pool of students applying for priority registration but tabled the application from the C-Step sponsor pending receipt of additional supporting information showing the circumstances that were typical of transfer students and how those might be unique from similar challenges faced by the student body as a whole. The application's sponsor subsequently decided not to submit additional information for the Fall 2010 application but indicated she would include the additional supporting details should an application be submitted from C-Step for the Spring 2011 PRAC review.

Appreciation was expressed for the condensed application materials from the student athlete groups that had been recommended in the last PRAC committee meeting. The committee was given clarification by the representatives from the Athletic department regarding scholarship funds for student athletes, commitments to the university as a recipient of those funds, and the processes for being awarded an athletic scholarship. They also noted that for the University to be competitive, their team rosters needed to include both recruited students with scholarships as well as walk-on student athletes. This group has the potential to earn scholarship funds based on their performance in their sport.

Motion was passed unanimously. several members either abstained or voted no on several votes.

Meeting was adjourned approximately 1:20 pm.