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MEMORANDUM

TO: Priority Registration Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Roberta Kelly, Interim University Registrar

SUBJECT: Spring 2010 PRAC Meeting Notes for October 13

DATE: October 20, 2009

The Priority Registration Advisory Committee met on October 13, 2009 to review the submissions requesting priority registration for Spring 2010 early registration. Committee members present for the meeting held in the Upendo Room of SASB North were Patrick Akos, Daniel Anderson, Cynthia Demetriou, Beth Kurtz-Costes, and Roberta Kelly. Kira Lumsden and Cheryl Thomas had scheduled to attend but were unable to do so due to illness. Dulcie Straugham had a scheduling conflict and the appointment of a second student representative is still in progress.

Guests included: John Blanchard, Senior Associate Director of Athletics; Robert Mercer, Director of Academic Support Programs for Athletics; Tony Yount, and Steve Reznick, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education.

The meeting opened with introductions, and a review of the Charge to the Priority Registration Advisory Committee. There was brief discussion about the outcomes of the Fall 2009 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 it would be very helpful in their committee deliberations to have more information available such as which sections exceeded the 15% cap and the majors and academic level of students who enrolled in these sections. The requested information will be provided for the next meeting of the PRAC committee in Spring 2010.

The Committee completed their review of all documents and the results are indicated on the attached spreadsheet. All motions were in the affirmative; one member abstained from several votes based on college/program affiliation.

During the discussions, Steve Reznick provided additional information to the committee regarding the beginnings of the PRAC process. During the committee's review of the ROTC requests, he also shared information on the documentation submitted by the ROTC groups during the previous deliberations to which the committee suggested it would have been helpful to the committee for ROTC to submit that same information this time.

Patrick Akos and another committee member noted that the most compelling argument for priority registration among the student athlete groups was the block of training time required. Patrick made a motion to have all of the student athlete groups apply as a block for future terms rather than individually and that an overall schedule of the different groups time in the weight room and other shared facilities would be helpful to the committee. Motion was seconded by Beth Kurtz-Costes. Motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion included thoughts about other groups that might benefit from priority registration such as students who are working full-time in addition to transfer students. These students would need to have a sponsor to apply for the priority registration. Committee members will share the discussion with the campus community to see if some of these types of groups might also be able to access the PRAC process.

The PRAC committee members asked that consideration be given to appointing an academic advisor to the PRAC as a voting member and appointing Steve Reznick to the PRAC committee as an ex-officio member as he is able to provide background information to the committee both on the processes and the requests.

Meeting was adjourned about 10:35am.