To: Faculty Senate Office  
From: Joel D. Wisner—Admissions Committee Chair  
Date: April 11, 2014  
Re: Admissions Committee Report (April/2013 to March/2014)

**Member Attendance**

The Admissions Committee (AC) routinely conducts one meeting per month including summers and winter breaks, and potentially more or less often based on the number of appeals packages to be considered. The following people have served on the committee since our last report during the spring 2013 semester. The number of meetings attended for the past year is shown below, along with the number of times the member sent an email vote or a proxy instead of attending.

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**Late Spring & Summer 2013 through Spring 2014 Results**

**The primary charge of the Admission Committee (AC) and its results** – Our ongoing charge is to review and then either approve or deny alternate criteria admission appeals for students who were denied admissions through the regular admissions process, and who then elected to appeal. For the period here, the AC met 11 times and reviewed 215 appeal packages—153 were admitted and 62 were denied. Of these 215 packages, 42 packages met the “NCAA Division I sliding scale” criteria (which is used to admit high school athletes to UNLV) and thus were automatically admitted (per existing AC policy). We thus reviewed 173 appeals packages. While the time period here is not quite the same, it should be noted that during calendar year 2013, over 1500 people were denied admission to UNLV (about 11.6% of those who applied); so a very small percent elected to appeal.

Our committee received no other charges during this past year.
Other Business

1) Our committee discussed and then voted on requesting a change in the Faculty Senate bylaws to add a non-voting ex-officio member to the committee’s membership—the Director of the Disability Resource Center or designee. This would benefit the AC since a fairly large percentage of applicants could make use of the DRC. Many applicants do not know of the DRC. The FS approved our request and our committee welcomed Ms. Anita Stockbauer from the DRC at our 11/1/2013 meeting. She’s been a great addition to the committee.

2) At our August meeting, we were informed by the Admissions Dept. that WE HAD MET OUR QUOTA FOR ALTERNATE ADMITS FOR THE YEAR. Evidently, the number of student appeals that our committee can approve is governed by Board of Regents policy—it is 15% of the previous calendar year’s total admitted freshmen and transfers. This policy forced our committee to deny admission to a potential number of otherwise admitable students for the Fall 2013 semester. We remain concerned about this policy.

Recommendations to the FS EC Going Forward

The one LARGE issue our committee would like the Faculty Senate to address is the arbitrary and unfair Regents policy of mandating a quota of students allowed to be admitted to UNLV by our committee. This allows people who submit their admission appeals packages early (in the spring or early summer for example, for the fall semester) to have an advantage over those who submit later in the summer (but still prior to the deadline for fall admission). Our committee should be able to admit anyone who is approved by our committee (and this is a fairly rigorous assessment requiring a majority vote of the committee—note that about 36% of the packages we voted on, were denied). In comparison, UNLV denies about 10% of those who apply. As stated earlier in this report, slightly over 1500 people were denied admission by UNLV for 2013. Thus, fewer than 20% appeal their admission to our committee. In other words, most people who were denied admission did not appeal, because they knew there were no special circumstances surrounding their denials. Of those who did appeal, many were advised by our committee to “go to a community college first” or something similar. But many did deserve a chance at UNLV.

UNLV studies in the recent past have shown that the people our committee approve for admission perform as well or better than the comparable students at large. There will always be exceptions to the admission requirements—this is the charge of our committee—to determine if a person deserves a chance to do something meaningful at UNLV. Many have special circumstances surrounding their admission application. We should be the “committee of last resort” and should not be given a maximum quota.

It has been my pleasure to serve UNLV as the Admissions Committee chair.

AC Meeting Minutes

A condensed version of the AC minutes is included below.
Admissions Committee Minutes—4/19/2013 to 2/21/14

1. 4/19/13 meeting:
The AC met on 4/19/2013 from 2-300pm in the Lee Business School’s fourth floor conference room, BEH 418. Those attending in-person were: Joel Wisner, Barb Roberts, Christine Ancajas, Vicki Holmes, Cheryl Tillotson, Mike Nicholl, Alice Corkill, and Bill Bernatis (thanks so very much for coming!). Email votes were received from Jacob Thompson, Christine Smith, Daniel Swift, and Terri Bernstein. Alice Corkill served as a proxy for Stoney Alder.
Thanks all. I know the applicants all appreciated our attention.
Our committee admitted 9 applicants who met the sliding scale and 12 other applicants, while denying admission to 5 others. One application was tabled.
We discussed and voted on the idea of adding a non-voting advisory member from the Disability Resource Center. It was approved. Joel would submit this to the Senate for vote.

2. 5/10/13 meeting:
The AC met on 5/10/2013 from 2-300pm in the Lee Business School’s fourth floor conference room, BEH 418. Those attending in-person were: Joel Wisner, Terri Bernstein, Carlee Todd, Barb Roberts, Jacob Thompson, Christine Smith, Daniel Swift, Christine Ancajas, Vicki Holmes, Cheryl Tillotson, Alice Corkill, Stoney Alder, Mei Yang, and Johnna Strenchock (thanks so very much for coming!).
Christine Smith served as a proxy for Mike Nicholl. Jacob Thompson served as a proxy for Bill Bernatis.
Thanks all. Great turnout! I know the applicants all appreciated our attention.
Our committee admitted 4 applicants who met the sliding scale and 12 other applicants, while denying admission to 9 others. One application was tabled.

3. 5/31 meeting:
The AC met on 5/31/2013 from 2-300pm in the Lee Business School’s fourth floor conference room, BEH 418. Those attending in-person were: Joel Wisner, Terri Bernstein, Barb Roberts, Vicki Holmes, Cheryl Tillotson, Stoney Alder, Michael Nicholl, and David Jackson (thanks so very much for coming!). Email votes were received from Mei Yang, Christine Ancajas, and Christine Smith. Vicki Holmes was a proxy for Alice Corkill; Michael Nicholl was a proxy for Daniel Swift; Stoney Alder was a proxy for Bill Bernatis.
Thanks all. Our committee admitted 4 applicants who met the sliding scale and 7 other applicants, while denying admission to 5 others. Two applications were tabled.

4. 6/28 meeting:
The AC met on 6/28/2013 from 3-430pm in the Lee Business School’s fourth floor conference room, BEH 418. Those attending in-person were: Joel Wisner, Vicki Holmes, Stoney Alder, Michael Nicholl, Jacob Thompson, Johnna Strenchock, Carlee Todd, Daniel Swift, Alice Corkill, Christine Smith, Haroon Stephen, and Anne White (thanks so very much for coming!).
Email votes were received from Christine Ancajas and Terri Bernstein.
Thanks all. We had two new members at the meeting—Dr. Anne White from the Academic Success Center and Haroon Stephen, from Engineering.
Our committee admitted 6 applicants who met the sliding scale and 17 other applicants, while denying admission to 9 others. One application was tabled.

5. 7/19 meeting:
The AC met on 7/19/2013 from 2-330pm in the Lee Business School’s fourth floor conference room, BEH 418. Those attending in-person were: Joel Wisner, Carrie Trentham, Stoney Alder, Michael Nicholl, Carlee Todd, Daniel Swift, Alice Corkill, Christine Smith, Haroon Stephen, and Anne White (thanks so very much for coming!).
Email votes were received from Vicki Holmes and Terri Bernstein. Proxies were received from Jacob Thompson and Tina Ancajas.
Thanks all. Our committee admitted 4 applicants who met the sliding scale and 11 other applicants, while denying admission to 8 others. Two applications were tabled.
6. 8/9 meeting:
The AC met on 8/9/2013 from 2-330pm in the Lee Business School’s fourth floor conference room, BEH 418. Those attending in-person were: Joel Wisner, Carrie Trentham, Johnna Strenchock, Jacob Thompson, Vicki Holmes, Christine Ancajas, Michael Nicholl, Carlee Todd, Daniel Swift, Alice Corkill, Haroon Stephen, and Anne White (thanks so very much for coming!). Email votes were received from Christine Smith and Terri Bernstein. Proxies were received from Stoney Alder. Thanks all. Our committee admitted 7 applicants who met the sliding scale and 24 other applicants, while denying admission to 6 others.

7. 8/22 meeting:
The AC met on 8/22/2013 from 2-330pm in the Lee Business School’s fourth floor conference room, BEH 418. Those attending in-person were: Joel Wisner, Christine Smith, Carlee Todd, Carrie Trentham, Alice Corkill, Jacob Thompson, Stoney Alder, Sydney Lisy (for Johnna Strenchock), Christine Ancajas, Michael Nicholl, and Terri Bernstein (thanks so very much for coming!). Email votes were received from and Daniel Swift. Proxies were received from Haroon Stephen, Bill Bernatis, and Vicki Holmes. Thanks to all who attended.

Our committee was told by Carrie Trentham (Admissions Dept.) that we could only admit 20 additional applicants; at that point we would have met the quota for the year regarding alternate admits allowed by the Board of Regents (it is 15% of the previous year’s total admitted Freshmen and transfers). Consequently, we ranked the list and voted until we had met the 20 person quota. In total, the committee admitted 5 applicants who met the sliding scale and 15 other applicants, while denying admission to 33 others.

During our discussion with Carrie, she was asked if she could compile some “success” statistics regarding those we admit, compared to the other entering students. She is going to work on this.

Note—since we have admitted our quota for 2013 (first time this has ever happened) we will not meet again until late Fall/2013. Have a great semester!

8. 11/1 meeting:
The AC met on 11/1/2013 from 2-330pm in the Lee Business School’s fourth floor conference room, BEH 418. Those attending in-person were: Joel Wisner, Christine Smith, Anita Stockbauer, Barb Roberts, Bill Bernatis, Haroon Stephen, Carlee Todd, Alice Corkill, Jacob Thompson, Stoney Alder, Michael Nicholl, David Jackson, Terri Bernstein, and Vicki Holmes (thanks so very much for coming!). Email votes were received from Daniel Swift. A proxy was received from Christine Ancajas.

Thanks to everyone. Our committee welcomed a new member—Anita Stockbauer from the DRC; and a new/old member—David Jackson from the ASC/Student Athlete office. It was great having these two members on the committee. In total, the committee admitted 5 applicants while denying admission to 2 others.

9. 12/13 meeting:
The AC met on 12/13/2013 from 2-330pm in the Lee Business School’s fourth floor conference room, BEH 418. Those attending in-person were: Joel Wisner, Christine Smith, Anita Stockbauer, Bill Bernatis, Haroon Stephen, Carlee Todd, Alice Corkill, Jacob Thompson, Michael Nicholl, David Jackson, Dan Swift, Anne White, and Vicki Holmes (thanks so very much for coming!).

A proxy was received from Christine Ancajas.

Thanks to everyone. Our committee admitted 1 applicant, denied admission to 1, and tabled 1 application.

10. 1/10/14 meeting:
The AC met on 1/10/2014 from 2-330pm in the Lee Business School’s fourth floor conference room, BEH 418. Those attending in-person were: Joel Wisner, Christine Smith, Stoney Alder, Anita Stockbauer, Bill Bernatis, Carlee Todd, Alice Corkill, Anne White, Terri Bernstein, and Vicki Holmes (thanks so very much for coming!).

A proxy was received from Christine Ancajas, Haroon Stephan, and Jacob Thompson. An email vote was received from Daniel Swift and Michael Nicholl.

Thanks to everyone. Our committee admitted 3 applicants who met the sliding scale, admitted 12 other applicants, denied admission to 4, and tabled 1 application.
11. 2/21/14 meeting:
The AC met on 2/21/2014 from 2-3:30pm in the Lee Business School’s fourth floor conference room, BEH 418. Those attending in-person were: Joel Wisner, Stoney Alder, Bill Bernatis, Carlee Todd, Christine Ancajas, Anne White, Terri Bernstein, Mike Nicholl, Haroon Stephen, David Jackson, and Vicki Holmes (thanks so very much for coming!). Proxies were received from Jacob Thompson, Alice Corkill, and Christine Smith. An email vote was received from Daniel Swift. Thanks to everyone.
Our committee discussed the need to have applicants enclose the appeal form with each package submitted, and Carlee agreed this was a good idea. An exception would be if a package is filed at the last minute. The committee admitted 5 applicants who met the sliding scale, and 10 other applicants; it denied admission to 10.