

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

Report of the Director of Undergraduate Admissions
on the Admission of Student-Athletes

In October 1983, the Senate received a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee on Admissions and Educational Programs for Student-Athletes, that the Director of Admissions and Records (now the Director of Undergraduate Admissions) continuously monitor the progress of student-athletes admitted under special admissions policy. This would be accomplished through the Committee on the Admission of Student-Athletes or (CASA) and that, at the end of every three years, the Director's report would be submitted to the Senate. This report is made in fulfillment of that recommendation, the previous report being received by the Senate on **April 25, 2005**.

The Committee on the Admission of Student-Athletes (CASA) was formed in 1983 at the direction of Chancellor John Cribbet; committee members are appointed by the Associate Provost for Enrollment Services. Voting members are assistant and associate deans of the colleges, plus the Director of Undergraduate Admissions (a list of current members is attached.) The committee is charged to review student-athlete applications requiring special admission consideration.

Student-athletes are referred to CASA if they would not be selected for admission to their first choice program if reviewed as a general applicant. Many of these students have a predicted GPA above the campus minimum (1.95) and have the ability to be successful here, but due to the competitiveness of the applicant pool would not have been selected for admission. CASA also reviews all late applicants to closed programs that are at capacity regardless of academic ability.

In each case, the committee seeks to determine whether the student's objective academic record and demonstrated academic motivation, plus the special support services available, will combine to give him or her a reasonable chance for academic success. Admission must be approved by the dean of the college in which the student wishes to enroll.

The committee has the authority to deny admission to the campus, and any such decision is binding for all colleges.

Several developments have affected the admissions of student-athletes to this campus: the enactment of NCAA Proposition 48; the preliminary evaluation of academic credentials of most recruits prior to their signing a letter of intent; the establishment of the NCAA Eligibility Center; and the initiation of the Transition Program with its Bridge and Academic Year components.

- 1) Implementation of Proposition 48 in fall 1987 established criteria for eligibility and provided a reasonable starting point in the consideration of a prospective student-athlete's chance for academic success. Under current rules of that program, a qualifier must complete 16 core courses in specific subject areas and meet an ACT or SAT and a 16-course grade point average based on a sliding scale (enclosed).
- 2) Beginning fall 1994, all freshman student-athletes were reviewed for initial eligibility by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

- 3) Introduced in 1986, the Transition Program provides needed assistance each year to 100 admitted freshman students with academic weaknesses that could place them "at risk" if they were permitted to enter the University without such a resource. A maximum of 30 of these spaces each year may be used for recruited student-athletes.

The Transition Program has two components:

- a) Summer Bridge, a six-week residential summer session sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, engages 50 students in intensive coursework in mathematics, composition, and basic skills development. This experience is provided at no cost to the students.
- b) Under its Academic Year component, the Transition Program, in cooperation with various departments and colleges, sponsors special course sections tailored to meet the needs of special admission students; these classes enroll a small number of students and thus permit and encourage greater student-teacher interaction. Additional academic support is provided by the Office of Minority Student Affairs. A student who successfully completes four semesters in the Transition Program with a "C" or better average has an admissions space reserved in the college and curriculum of his or her choice.

The Transition Program has demonstrated its ability to provide the developmental assistance and careful monitoring necessary for student success.

Observations

1. Since an initial review is done by the Assistant Athletics Director in collaboration with the Associate Director of Admissions, the overwhelming majority of athletes brought to CASA are admissible. It is best to identify students early in the process, who would have a minimal chance of admittance, so the coach can abandon recruiting efforts.
2. The retention of student athletes varied between 83.1 percent and 100 percent, with an overall average of 90 percent. This is a testimony to the support students receive through the Transition program and the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.

COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSIONS OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

CASA

2007-2008

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Core GPA - SAT Sum - ACT Sliding Scale

Core GPA	SAT Sum	ACT
3.550 & above	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57

Core GPA	SAT Sum	ACT
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	59
2.700	730	60
2.675	740-750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	80
2.125	960	81
2.100	970	82
2.075	980	83
2.050	990	84
2.025	1000	85
2.000	1010	86

**STUDENT ATHLETES - FRESHMEN & TRANSFER
APPLICATION, ADMISSION, PERFORMANCE, AND RETENTION TABLES
Fall 2005 - Spring 2008**

**Table 1
Total All Student Athletes**

Term Admitted	Non-CASA		CASA		Total Enrolled
	Review	Admit	Deny	Enrolled	
Fall 2005	79	75	4	76	129
Spring 2006	1	0	1	9	9
Fall 2006	72	62	10	91	140
Spring 2007	2	1	1	8	9
Fall 2007	54	50	4	95	123
Spring 2008	3	0	3	15	14

Term Admitted	Non-CASA		CASA		Total Enrolled
	Review	Admit	Deny	Enrolled	
2005-2006	166	160			138
2006-2007	177	162			149
2007-2008	168	160			137

**CASA - Transition/Bridge
Admitted Student Athletes
Reviewed Categories**

Term Admitted	Bridge	Transition	Predicted GPA < 1.95
Fall 2005	4	12	8
Spring 2006	0	2	1
Fall 2006	3	8	5
Spring 2007	0	1	0
Fall 2007	3	13	7
Spring 2008	0	3	0

Table 2

**Non-CASA
Academic Performance
Enrolled New Student-Athletes**

Term Admitted	Awarded Degrees are Included in Retention Rate				GPA Through Fall 2007				
	Enrollment	Enrolled Spring 2008	Awarded Degrees	Retention Rate	Not Enrolled Spring 2008	< 2.00	2.00 - 2.49	2.50-2.99	3.00 +
Fall 2005	58	46	1	81.0%	11	0	6	5	35
Spring 2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall 2006	54	50	0	92.6%	4	2	1	11	36
Spring 2007	1	1	0	100.0%	0	0	1	0	0
Fall 2007	38	38	0	100.0%	0	1	2	7	28

**CASA
Academic Performance
Enrolled New Student-Athletes**

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	Enrollment	Enrolled Spring 2008	Awarded Degrees	Retention Rate	Not Enrolled Spring 2008	< 2.00	2.00 - 2.49	2.50-2.99	3.00 +
Fall 2005	71	53	6	83.1%	12	3	14	21	15
Spring 2006	9	8	1	100.0%	0	0	2	3	3
Fall 2006	86	77	0	89.5%	9	3	21	30	23
Spring 2007	8	8	0	100.0%	0	0	2	3	3
Fall 2007	85	81	0	95.3%	4	15	18	27	21

**Academic Performance
All Student Athletes
Transition/Bridge**

Term Admitted	Enrollment	Enrolled Spring 2008	Retention Rate	Not Enrolled Spring 2008	GPA Through Fall 2007			
					< 2.00	2.00 - 2.49	2.50-2.99	3.00 +
Fall 2005	11	7	63.6%	4	0	4	1	2
Spring 2006	2	2	100.0%	0	0	0	1	1
Fall 2006	8	8	100.0%	0	1	6	0	1
Spring 2007	1	1	100.0%	0	0	0	1	0
Fall 2007	13	12	92.3%	1	2	3	3	4

**Table 3
Retention Rate New Student-Athletes**

Term Admitted	Enrollment		Not Enrolled Spring 2008				Not Enrolled Academic Standing				No Standing
			Good Standings		Drop		Probation		CASA	Non-CASA	
	CASA	Non-CASA	CASA	Non-CASA	CASA	Non-CASA	CASA	Non-CASA			CASA
Fall 2005	71	58	12	11	5	1	1	1	5	1	1
Spring 2006	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall 2006	86	54	9	4	3	2	0	0	3	1	1
Spring 2007	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall 2007	85	38	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0