Faculty Senate Resolution SR 00-10

Whereas, Louisiana State University desires to be a leading research university, taking undergraduate and graduates students to the highest levels of intellectual and personal development, and

Whereas, the LSU University Planning Council has set a goal of increasing the graduation rate to 63% by 2008, and

Whereas, the University promised the Board of Supervisors, the Faculty Senate and the public in 1998 that we planned to continue to increase our admissions standards, and

Whereas, the Chancellor Emmert has asked ASH to develop new admission standards which move us forward in steps starting with the Fall of 2002.

Therefore, be it resolved that the University proposes the following new admission standards for the Fall of 2002:

Students will be automatically admitted if they have the following:

Completing 17.5 units and either one of the following combinations

ACT 19, HSGPA=2.9

ACT 20, HSGPA= 2.8

ACT 21, HSGPA=2.7

ACT 22, HSGPA=2.6

or graduate in the top 15% of high school graduating class

Completing 16 units and either one of the following combinations

ACT 19, HSGPA=2.9

ACT 20, HSGPA= 2.8

ACT 21, HSGPA=2.7

ACT 22, HSGPA=2.6

or graduate in the top 10% of high school graduating class

All other students will be considered for admission based on an evaluation of their likelihood of success at LSU. The purpose of the Admission Committee review is to evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether equivalent predictors of success exist and whether to admit the student on this basis. Criteria will include advanced college preparatory courses taken; a rigorous college preparatory curriculum; the number units taken especially in science, mathematics, English, and foreign languages; HS GPA; rank in high school class; as well as ACT or other nationally normed test scores. The Admissions Office will inform high schools annually of the various criteria being used each year and give students a measure of their chance of admission.

Furthermore, we anticipate the following standards for Fall 2004:

Tentatively, we anticipate that in the Fall of 2004, the criteria for automatic admits will moved up from a HS GPA of 2.8 and an ACT score of 20 to a HS GPA of 3.0 and an ACT of 21. For other entries, you can take the 2002 standards and add .2 to the HS GPA scores and 1 to the ACT scores. High Schools should alert their students to that expectation.