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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Ida Cook
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SUBJECT: Admissions Appeals

Vice President Ellis has approved Faculty Senate Resolution 81-6 concerning appeals of Admissions and Standards Committee recommendations. Accordingly, all applications for exception to regular University standards will be referred to the Admissions and Standards Committee and should the Vice President sustain any student's appeal of an Admission and Standards Committee recommendation, the Committee will be so notified and provided with a written explanation.

It is appropriate, I think, also to provide the Senate with some explanation of the procedure which will be followed in the Office of Academic Affairs for consideration of student appeals of Admissions and Standards Committee recommendations. All appeals will be personally reviewed by the VPAA who will seek additional input from appropriate University faculty and administrative offices concerning academic support services as well as the students academic potential. For minority students such input will be solicited from the Office of Minority Student Services. For athletes a comprehensive policy has been developed which is intended to ensure that student athletes will ultimately graduate. Accordingly this policy (attached) considers admissions, retention, and athletic eligibility as related issues. A Special Athletic Committee therefore will review applications of students who plan to participate in athletics and make a recommendation to the VPAA. Affirmative recommendations must include a plan for academic support to ensure the academic success of the student.

Appeals of other applicants for admission not covered by the procedures for minorities and athletes described above will be referred by the VPAA to the Office of Undergraduate Studies for review and recommendations.

This policy will be reviewed at the end of the 1982-83 year and adjustments made as required. I hope that with regards to the Intercollegiate Athletics Admissions and Retention Policy (which I recognize as controversial) the Faculty Senate will reserve judgment until the year's trial period has elapsed. At such time it would be appropriate to discuss the future of the program.

Attachment

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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
ADMISSION AND RETENTION POLICY

While the University of Central Florida endorses and supports intercollegiate athletics, it believes that the primary goal of its student athletes should be to receive a solid education in a timely fashion. To assure a compatible union of academics and athletics, to assure that participation in intercollegiate athletics enriches rather than detracts from a student's education, and to assure that UCF's student athletes are provided challenging classes and effective counseling in an environment conducive to study, the following plan has been developed:

Admissions Appeals. A Special Athletic Committee consisting of the Athletic Director and the NCAA representative, along with a faculty member appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs in consultation with the Chairman of the Faculty Senate, will monitor the admission (including readmission), retention, and eligibility of each student athlete. The faculty member will serve as Chairman of the Special Athletic Committee and will review critically with the committee the credentials of prospective athletic applicants who have appealed an admission (or readmission) decision of the Admissions and Standards Committee. The Special Athletic Committee shall promptly determine whether the applicant has the potential to succeed academically given proper supervision, tutoring, and encouragement, and that they are prepared to see that such assistance will be provided. Should an affirmative recommendation for admission or readmission with the concomitant commitment for academic services be made by the Special Athletic Committee, then the committee shall so recommend to the VPAA who will make the final admission decision. If the applicant is admitted then the VPAA will provide a report to the Admissions and Standards Committee giving the basis for the admission decision. Only one such special admissions review shall be allowed for any student.

Retention. The faculty monitor will plan the academic program of all intercollegiate athletes or see that the program is planned by the appropriate faculty advisor, work with the study hall supervisor to insure that the program is followed, and direct the study hall supervisor. It will be this faculty member's ultimate responsibility to oversee the athletes' academic progress.

Every effort will be made by the Special Athletic Committee to see that student athletes receive guidance each term from an appropriate academic advisor and that the students are enrolled in courses which will enable them to progress toward the degree. In addition, some special consideration for athletes at registration is necessary for their academic success. The special needs created by afternoon practice and participation in afternoon and evening games need to be accommodated by registering athletes in morning classes whenever possible.

A study hall should be established for athletes and should be adequately supervised by an academically competent person, preferably a doctoral student hired half time. Aided by student assistants, this individual would supervise a study hall for athletes and would also monitor their academic progress on a weekly basis, reporting any signs of difficulty to the Athletic Director.

Eligibility. Although the National Collegiate Athletic Association allows students who are on probation to participate in sports, at UCF we feel that, in order to prevent students on academic probation from being diverted from their academic goals, different degrees of academic deficiency should be recognized based on the student's GPA. Therefore, students who are placed on academic probation after any semester in which a grade point average of less than 1.5 was earned will not be allowed to participate in intercollegiate athletics. These students, under extraordinary circumstances, may appeal their case to the special review committee described below.

Students who are placed on academic probation with a semester GPA of at least 1.5 but less than 2.0 will have their performance reviewed by a special retention

committee. Students must initiate this review by submitting a letter of appeal to the chairman of the Retention Committee, and the committee may ask the student to make a personal appearance. The committee will consist of five members—one academic administrator, two faculty members (one of whom may be the Chairman of the Special Athletic Committee), one athletic coach, and one student. The academic administrator will be chosen by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the two faculty members by the Vice President for Academic Affairs in consultation with the Chairman of the Faculty Senate, the coach by the Athletic Director, and the student by the Vice President for Student Affairs. The committee will determine whether or not the students in question will be allowed to continue to participate in intercollegiate sports while on probation. It should be pointed out that all students earning less than a 2.0 in a term will not necessarily be placed on academic probation since a previous quality point surplus may sustain a GPA that is above 2.0.

All actions of the Special Athletic Committee and the Retention Committee must conform to regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The departmental academic advisor and the Athletic Department counselors will be advised in writing of those students who are on probation but who are allowed to continue participating in sports so that they may guide the students to reach their academic goals in a timely manner. The coaches of the sports in which the students are involved should also be notified in writing of the students' academic status and should assist the students in reaching their educational goals by avoiding excesses in training requirements.

In summary, the University welcomes students who elect to participate in intercollegiate athletics as an ancillary activity to their educational program. The primary objective of the University is to provide a quality education to all of its students and to create and maintain an environment in which every student will be able to earn, as a minimum, the baccalaureate degree.

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