

Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee (ASH)

2020-2021 Report

Fall semester committee meetings were held in November and December 2020. Spring semester meetings were held in February and April 2021. All meetings were held in Zoom.

The Department of Geology and Geophysics' proposal to change the admission standards for the specifically to drop the GRE requirements for the PhD and MS programs, was reviewed and approved in November 2020.

The School of Education submitted a request for GRE waiver in the admission requirements for the Master of Arts in Secondary (MATS) and Master of Arts in Elementary (MATE) alternative teacher programs. Proposal was approved at the December 2020 meeting.

The Associate Dean's Academic Council submitted a proposal in December 2020, to establish guidelines for prior learning assessment (PLA) credit thresholds. The proposal recommends "establishing transfer, proficiency exams, and PLA cutoffs at 30 semester hours for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate certificates. For graduate programs, PLA credit and transfer credits combined cannot exceed 12 hours or 25% (whichever is lower; Master's degree) or 25% (Certificate). PLA (and transfer) credit does not count toward the 7000-level requirement. Departments control the curriculum and advise, and approval from the Department is critical. Proposal was approved.

At the February 2021 meeting, the Admissions, Standards, and Honors committee welcomed 3 new members: William Monroe (Law Center), Kristopher Palagi (Art and Design), Mustajab Mirza (Veterinary Medicine) and David Stamps (Mass Communication) The committee now has representative from all colleges across the campus.

Also at the February meeting, Academic Affairs submitted a proposal to allow performance scores from the mathematics ALEKS test to be used for credit in MATH 1021, in addition to the already utilized standardized test scores. Since the ACT was not required for this cycle, an alternative for math placement is needed. Proposal was approved.

The Department of History submitted a proposal to waive the GRE as part of its applicant screening tools. First reading was done at the February meeting, and upon receipt of supporting materials we will review the proposal at a later meeting.

In April 2021, the Department of Sociology submitted a proposal to adjust the general catalog description of their graduate admission requirements to add CV/resume and statement of purpose to their current catalog entry, as both are Graduate School requirements. Proposal was approved.

At the May 2021 meeting, vacancies created by members with terms expiring will be filled for the upcoming year. A chair and secretary for 2021-2022 will also be elected.

Respectfully submitted to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on April 22, 2021.
By Cathleen C. Williams, Chair, Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee