Memo

April 1, 2014

To: Randy Smith, Vice Provost of Academic Programs
    Melissa Newhouse, Program Manager

CC: Andrew Zircher, Director of Assessment and Curriculum
    Sarah Odum, Curriculum Coordinator

From: Bryan Warnick, Associate Dean

RE: EHE UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT PROPOSAL: ELIMINATING SELECTIVE DIRECT ENROLLMENT CRITERIA

The faculty and administration of the College of Education and Human Ecology (EHE) have approved a proposal to eliminate selective direct enrollment criteria for incoming freshmen students only, beginning Autumn 2015. If incoming freshmen are admissible to The Ohio State University, they will be admissible to EHE. This proposal comes from the College of EHE Undergraduate Student Services and would not be able to be effective earlier as students are already being admitted for Autumn 2014.

One College

The current direct enrollment criteria exist as a result of policy that was created prior to the merge of the College of Human Ecology and the College of Education in 2006. With the restructuring of the academic units in EHE in 2013, from 6 schools and departments to 3 departments, as well as the onset of new and re-envisioned programs in semester conversion, it is imperative that we accomplish enrollment criteria that aligns with the new academic structure of the College rather than the prior colleges’ structures.

Former College of Education selective direct enrollment criteria:

Undergraduate programs that existed in the former College of Education enforced the following direct enrollment criteria:

Admitted freshmen must (1) have ACT composite scores of 22 or higher or combined SAT Critical Reading and Math scores of 1030 or higher or (2) rank in the top 35% of their high school classes to enroll in these programs as pre-majors.

Former College of Human Ecology non-selective direct enrollment criteria:

The remaining EHE programs do not have any criteria that exist beyond students’ admittance to the University.

Increased Freshmen Profile

Per the final freshmen profile data provided by Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience in September of 2013, the average ACT of new EHE admits who have paid the acceptance fee for AU13 is 27.43, which is a 0.23 point increase from that of AU12. With 92.7% of EHE freshmen who were admitted for AU13 being in the top 25% of their graduation class and 56.3% being in the top 10%, the previous criteria from the former College of Education would not have a great impact, if any, on the number of freshmen directly enrolled to the College of Education and Human Ecology.
Pre-majors and Program Action

All EHE admits are admitted into the pre-major of their choice in EHE. Students who are admitted to a pre-major on the Columbus campus or Regional Campuses are held accountable to major requirements through Program Action in EHE. Students not meeting the minimum pre-requisites may be placed on program probation, warning, or dismissal and encouraged to determine alternate major paths with their advisor. This has been in place for many years at the Columbus campus, and was implemented for regional campus students since winter 2012, when students were coded in the enrollment unit of UEHE. For any major that determines a minimum GPA requirement (competitive or non-competitive), students can be funneled to a more appropriate major if they are not meeting the minimum requirements.

This proposal was unanimously approved by the EHE Curriculum Committee on November 19, 2013. EHE approves the proposal to eliminate selective direct enrollment criteria for incoming freshmen students only and requests University level approval. If there are any questions, please contact me at warnick.11@osu.edu or our curriculum coordinator, Sarah Odum, at odum.11@osu.edu.
Odum, Sarah

From: Roy, David
Sent: Monday, December 09, 2013 1:15 PM
To: Odum, Sarah
Subject: RE: EHE non-selective direct enrollment proposal

Dear Sarah:

Again, thank you for sharing this document. My only feedback is that absent from the very well-articulated rationale is a proposed timeline for implementation. As you know, we could not implement any change for AU14 admits as we are already well into the process of admission review—assuming approval, we could, however, work to have it in place for AU15.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,
DLR

The Ohio State University

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From: Odum, Sarah
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2013 1:26 PM
To: Roy, David
Cc: Warnick, Bryan
Subject: EHE non-selective direct enrollment proposal

Dear David,

The attached proposal is to make all undergraduate admission to EHE non-selective direct enrollment. This proposal has support from the College and we are now seeking your feedback and support.

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Sincerely,
Sarah

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