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Minutes of the Academic Standards Meeting

October 9, 2008

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Scot Allgood with the following people present: Jeannie Pacheco, Ann Roemer, Chris Call, Jeremy Jennings, Scot Allgood, John Mortensen and Ed Latfelder.

The minutes for the last meeting were approved.

Ann Roemer and Jeannie Pacheco presented the “Undergraduate Admissions at Peer Institutions” list which listed USU ranking #22. The Provost’s office used this list which gave scores of IELTS (International English Language Testing System), TOFEL PBT (Test of English Foreign Language-paper) and TOFEL IBT (Test of English Foreign Language-internet based). The tests are all used for admissions and to assess readiness to pursue a major. Due to cultural issues some tests are easier for students from some parts of the world, but there is evidence that they do not have the English proficiency to succeed as a college student. The proposal was to raise USU’s test score requirements. After some discussion it was decided that Ann and Jeannie will check on equivalency between the test scores and formal motion will be made at the next meeting. (See attached sheet for score comparison with sister institutions).

The Excused Absence Policy that discussed at last month’s meeting has been tabled. Jeremy reported that ASUSU passed legislation that President Albrecht will review and send back to the committee if appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Undergraduate admissions at peer institutions: Minimum scores

Institution	<u>TOEFL - iBT</u>	<u>TOEFL - PBT</u>	<u>IELTS</u>
1. Kansas State University	80	550	6.5
2. Pennsylvania State University	80	550	6.5
3. University of Alaska	80	550	6.5
4. University of Massachusetts- Amherst	80	550	6.5
5. University of Vermont	79-80	550	6.5
6. North Carolina State University	79	550	6.5
7. Auburn		550	
8. Clemson		550	
9. Virginia Tech	80	550	
10. New Mexico State University	71	530	5
11. Oregon State University	71	527	6
12. Colorado State University	71	525	6
13. Mississippi State University	71	525	6
14. University of Wyoming	71	525	5.5
15. Montana State University	71	525	6
16. University of Idaho	70	525	6
17. Washington State University	68	520	5.5
18. Iowa State University	68	500	5
19. University of Arizona	61	500	6.5
20. University of Nevada- Reno	61	500	6
21. West Virginia University	61	500	6
22. Utah State University	61	500	5