

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee
Minutes 9/19/06

Betsy Porter, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, presented data on the incoming freshman class. Applications as well as paid admits have steadily increased since 1995 to an acceptance yield of 55.8% and 3420 admits in the fall of 2006. Fewer high schools are ranking students which has led the University to rely on an average GPA either supplied by the high school or calculated by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. Average SAT scores for the Pitt freshman class are above the national and state averages for Critical Reading, Math, and Writing. Eligibility requirements for the University Honors College include being in the top 5% of the high school graduating class and at least 1350 total SAT score; 20% (684 students) in this years class are eligible. Ten percent (344 students) of the class is African American. Applications for next year's freshman class are up 25%, at 4231, as of yesterday.

Suggestions for future committee agendas included presentations on affordability and discussion of the need vs. merit model for awarding financial aid and more involvement by committee members in recruitment and retention. Further clarification and discussion by e-mail was encouraged.

The next meeting will be at noon on Tuesday, October 17.