

# Student Affairs and Admissions Committee

## Meeting Minutes for October 30, 2006

The COPH Student Affairs and Admissions Committee met on October 30, 2006, at 1:30 pm, in CPH 1108. In attendance were Drs. Ann Abbott, Donna Haiduven, Hana Osman, and Noreen Poor, Ms. Natalie Preston, and Ms. Wernie Jeremie.

With a minor revision, Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2006 were approved.  
Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2006 were approved.

The Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2006, and May 8, 2006, have been forwarded to the COPH Webmaster Chris Bahl to post at the Faculty Assembly website.

Proposed changes to the "Student Scholarship Application Requirements" form were discussed and the form revised in response to the discussion. The revised form has been forwarded in a separate e-mail to Committee Members and to June Lake for additional comment. Some discussion centered on the need of assurance that the award recipients would use the funds for intended purpose. Committee Members agreed that award recipients would in the future be expected to write a "thank you" letter to the donors or their representatives, and that the Committee would inform the award recipient of this responsibility upon notification of the award and would collect copies of the letters. A suggestion to invite the donors to make a presentation of the awards was well-received by the Committee, and if possible, the Committee will time the awards such that presentation could be made during Public Health Week in April.

Changes to the COPH form "Request to Waive the GRE Requirements" were considered. Change to this form would require the approval of Faculty Assembly, so Committee Members requested the opportunity to discuss this form with their respective departments.

The issue at hand is whether the GRE requirement should be waived for students that already have a Master's degree. If so, should we impose additional criteria for such a waiver, or should we inform the applicant that consideration of this waiver could result in delayed admission if the waiver is not approved. Finally, for each department, who will make the final decision on such a waiver?

Questions arose regarding whether the Dr. in Pharmacy degree or "PharmD" should be considered a terminal degree. In a follow-up discussion with Dr. Karen Liller, she recommended that yes, the "PharmD" and the Dr. in Physical Therapy or DrPT should be considered in the same group as MD, DDS, etc.

Noreen Poor  
Committee Chair