

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

HANDBOOK REVISION: Special Admissions

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

During the August 2007 meeting of the Board, regents took action to allow for the admission of additional students at the universities under the existing alternative admission criteria established by the Board. At that time, there was a discussion about the need for a more holistic approach to admissions and a move away from “alternate admissions.”

Pursuant to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 7*), students who do not meet university or state college admission requirements may be admitted under 15 percent of the prior year’s admissions the number admission criteria.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Amend Board policy language (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 7*) to affirm the increase in the number of students admitted under alternative admission criteria from 10 percent of the prior year’s freshman enrollment to 15 percent of the prior year’s admissions and modify the alternate admissions language so that this option is included in the regular admissions process. (See attached Policy Proposal.)

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

This item is brought forward based on the Board’s discussion and action during the August 2007 Board meeting.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- Ø The change in *Handbook* language related to the percentage of students affirms the Board’s action taken in August 2007.
- Ø The inclusion of more criteria for the university admissions process allows for a better appraisal of each student’s strengths and weaknesses and gives flexibility in predicting the likelihood of success at the university.

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amends Current Board Policy: <i>Title 4, Chapter 16, Sections 7-41</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # _____ Section # _____
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	Explain: _____

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 16, SECTION 3 -41
Alternative Admission Policies to the Universities and State College

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

Section 3. [~~Grade Point Average~~] Requirements for Admission to the Universities

1. Students seeking admission to a university must complete the high school course requirements pursuant to Chapter ~~9~~ *TD4*.

DELETE SECTION 7 IN ITS ENTIRETY.

[~~Section 7. — Alternative Admission Policies to the Universities and State College~~

~~1. Students who do not meet university or state college admission requirements may petition under procedures established by the university or state college for special consideration to the alternative admission program. The number of students admitted under these criteria may not exceed 10 percent of the previous year's freshman enrollment.~~

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3. *A student who does not meet the state college admission requirements established in subsections 1 through 3 may, under procedures established*