Motion on Admissions Appeals

Effectively immediately

Motion:

The University-Wide Student Policy and Procedures for Student Complaints, Petitions for Policy Waivers and Variances, and Appeals is modified as follows:

**Additions**  **Deletions**

4. Admissions Appeals (Appeals of Rules Currently in Section 1100 of the Catalog)
   a. Appeals of denial of admission and for waivers of the admissions rules will be made in the first instance by the Director of Admissions.
   b. If the petition is denied, the student may appeal to the Admissions Appeals Committee, a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Admissions and Standards. The student must appeal in writing and within 10 business days of being notified of the decision of the Director of Admissions.
   c. The Director of Admissions will copy the Chair of the Admissions Appeals Committee on all letters to students notifying them of results of their petitions. Every semester, the Director of Admissions will distribute to the Senate Committee on Admissions and Standards a report that indicates (at a minimum) the number of petitions filed, the number granted, and the number denied. This report will cover all admissions petitions, including those considered by the Special Talents Committee. Any member of Admissions and Standards may review the documents of any petition when there is a legitimate educational interest.
   d. This policy does not change the Special Talents policy or the policy on admissions discipline review.

9. Subsequent Appeals
   a. The student may appeal the decisions of the Admissions Appeals Committee, Financial Aid Appeals Committee, the Registration Appeals Committee, and the Academic Regulations Appeals Committee to the Associate Provost for Academic Programs in writing within 10 business days of being notified of the decision. The Associate Provost will respond in writing to the appeal within 20 business days of receiving the appeal. *The decisions of the Admissions Appeals Committee may not be appealed.*

Rationale:

While BOR policy requires that all students be able to appeal up through the University to the BOR, this policy does not apply to applicants (because they are not students until they enroll). This streamlining of the policy will allow for faster responses and reduce workload.