

September 15-16, 2021

INFORMATION ITEM

Request for Authorization to Revise Admissions Policies 301 and 301.1

THAT

The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education brings forward a proposal to revise BOR policies 301 and 301.1, which govern admissions, for review and comment by campuses and the Board. The draft revisions will undergo review by various campus stakeholder groups, including admissions officers, registrars, and provosts, between now and November, when OCHE will seek final Board approval for the revised policy.

EXPLANATION

Policies 301 and 301.1 have not been substantially revised since 2014. In June 2021, OCHE launched a review of these policies with MUS admissions and enrollment officers to:

- improve clarity;
- update key definitions; and,
- review the policies' approach to provisional admission to four-year campuses and exemptions from admissions requirements.

The attached draft revisions would merge policies 301 and 301.1, which currently cross-reference each other extensively, to improve their overall clarity and flow. The draft revisions also clarify the distinction between transfer and dual enrollment admits and develop a clearer pathway for part-time students, who are currently exempt from some four-year admissions requirements, to be fully admitted.

OCHE will conduct a series of conversations with MACRAO (the state registrar and admissions officer association), MUS chief academic officers, and MUS enrollment management personnel to further review these changes between now and the November Board meeting, with particular attention to the policies' approach to provisional admission to four-year institutions and exemptions from four-year admissions requirements. OCHE anticipates bringing a final recommended policy to the Board in November 2021 for review and approval.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment #1: Draft proposed revisions to Policy 301
- Attachment #2: Draft proposed revisions to Policy 301.1
- Attachment #3: Clean copy of Policy 301 as revised