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During the 1969-1970 academic year the Admissions and Financial Aids Committee undertook an in-depth review of the policies relating to admissions and financial aid. The re-examination of the admissions policy led the committee to propose specific senate legislation. On May 13, 1970 the university senate passed the following set of admissions policies:

Admission to the freshman class shall be based on the following criteria:

- Applicants with a 3.20 or higher GPA will normally be admitted.
- Applicants with a 2.50-3.19 GPA may be admitted if recommendations solicited by the University from two high school teachers and/or counselors indicate strong motivation and likely success in Oakland's academic programs.
- Applicants with a 2.00-2.49 GPA may be admitted if recommendations from two high school teachers and/or counselors and an interview with a trained University admissions adviser indicate strong motivation and likely success in Oakland's academic program.
- Applicants with a GPA less than 2.00 whose recommendations and interview indicate a high probability for success in Oakland's academic programs may be admitted to degree programs conditionally. Credit shall be given and the condition removed upon successful completion of 24 credits of specially designed freshman programs as determined by the Academic Policy Committee and the Special Projects Department, Office of Student Affairs.

Opportunities for disadvantaged students will be insured by establishment of the following guidelines and programs:

- Students admitted with a GPA less than 2.50 may be required to attend a summer orientation period.
- Students admitted with a GPA less than 2.50 will normally be assigned to the Special Projects Department, Office of Student Affairs, for a particularized academic support program.
- To insure more opportunity for academically disadvantaged students while retaining its fiscal responsibility, the University should make all efforts to admit at least five percent and not more than 10 percent of the freshman class in the less than 2.50 GPA category. Preference will be given to those students who are both academically and economically disadvantaged.

- All efforts shall be made to insure that at least 15 percent of all new freshman students are black, and to insure an increased admission to the University of members of other minority groups traditionally disadvantaged.
- The Chancellor (President) and the appropriate administrative officers shall work with community colleges in the development of cooperative programs and arrangements for the purpose of increasing the opportunities in higher education for culturally disadvantaged students. The priorities set under this legislation shall be periodically reexamined in the light of the success of such programs and arrangements.

A non-matriculation category was also established by senate action.

During the coming year the committee will continually evaluate the success of the new admissions policies and will specifically study admissions policies related to transfer students.

In the area of financial aid the committee, in the last year, reviewed the various types and sources of financial aid available to the student. While the amount of funds available for many types of aid, particularly those related to specific government programs, have increased over the last few years, the outside contributions for scholarships have continually declined. In fact, community contributions for scholarships last year were only about 10% of what they were seven years ago. It was felt that one of the major reasons for this decline was the inability to separate (particularly in the donor's mind) the scholarship program from the heavily government financed financial aid program which is based entirely on need. The committee felt that the scholarship program could be revitalized and community contributions increased by establishing a scholarship category based only on ability without regard for financial need. The purpose of this category would be to strengthen the student body by attracting to the university the best students possible and to encourage community contributions for this purpose. On May 20, 1970 the committee endorsed the principle of establishing such a scholarship program and forwarded its recommendation to the Chancellor (President).

A major goal of the committee in the coming year is to define the various types of financial aid that are available to the student and to establish appropriate guidelines for the administration of these programs. The committee will also evaluate the impact of the new grading system on the financial aid program and make such recommendations as it deems appropriate.