

RESOLUTION-POLICY

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| X | Action Item |
| | For Information Only |

From: Dr. Eric Milou, Rowan University Senate President
To: Dr. Ali Houshmand, Provost
Date: 5/12/08
RE: Senate Resolution **080512-4**

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| RECRUITMENT, ADMISSIONS, AND RETENTION Resolution Concerning Freshman Enrollment Increases |
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Whereas: Rowan’s Administration has initiated a plan¹ to increase freshman enrollment by 100 new freshmen per year for five years beginning in Fall 2007, amounting to a net increase of 1500 students over five years:

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| 100 (new freshmen relative to 06-07 level) – AY 07-08 | |
| 200 | AY 08-09 |
| 300 | AY 09-10 |
| 400 | AY 10-11 |
| + 500 | AY 11-12 |
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| 1500 additional students | |

Whereas: AY 07-08 has been characterized by severe shortages in classroom space.

Whereas: The full-time faculty/student ratio, adjunct budget, tutoring budget, housing, support services, and advising capacities are already insufficient.

Whereas: Increasing the size of the freshman class without corresponding increase in university resources will lead to a lower retention rate.

Whereas: Certain Departments and Colleges are put under special pressure to staff freshman courses. In some cases, the pool of qualified adjuncts has been exhausted.

Whereas: The new freshmen will put a strain on course availability for upper division courses as they proceed with their education.

¹ “Rowan Ups Enrollment as Campus Expands”, *Gloucester County Times*, June 24th, 2007.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

If the University intends to increase enrollment as projected, the University must increase the number of faculty (full-time tenure track and adjunct), classroom space, support services, tutoring, housing, and advising resources accordingly **at least** to match pre-Fall 2007 levels.

Be It Further Resolved:

The University will implement an Enrollment Management Strategy, utilizing recommendations from the Strategic Enrollment Taskforce, that provides a mechanism for recruiting, enrolling, and retaining students such that student populations are suited to the resources and goals of the university and its individual programs.

Acceptance:

_____ I give my approval. I have forwarded this item to _____ for implementation.

_____ No approval is actually needed. I have forwarded this item to the following individual or office for informational purposes only:

ADDITIONAL REVIEW NEEDED:

_____ I am willing to give approval if the following modification(s) are made:

_____ Before I can approve or reject this item, I need clarification on the following:

_____ I have forwarded this item to the following individual or office for further consideration and consultation.

Rejection:

_____ I decline acceptance of this item for the following reason:

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