

# FCAFA Proceedings - 18 October 2023

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Present: Ron Lembo (chair and Professor of Sociology), Matt McGann (Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, ex officio), Cate Zolkos (Dean of Admission, ex officio), Gail Holt (Dean of Financial Aid, ex officio), Ellen Boucher (Associate Professor of History), Adam Honig (Professor of Economics), Jill Miller (Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies), Arleth Rodrigues '24, Nick Torres '25

Absent: Angie Tissi-Gassoway (Chief Student Affairs Officer & Dean of Students, ex officio), Francisco Reyes '24, Zane Khiry '25

## 1. Approval of Meeting Proceedings

- a. Debrief of Matt's presentation at October 17 faculty meeting

## 2. Data collection regarding Amherst athletics

- a. Question posed by Prof. Ren Wiscons at Faculty meeting of demographic pool at other, earlier stages of the enrollment funnel – are there ways to better share these data?
  - i. Athletic pipeline demographics will be less available for legal/compliance/systems reasons
- b. Prof. Lawrence Douglas question about racial diversity vis a vis socioeconomic diversity
  - i. Matt shared graph of aided students and Pell students over time
  - ii. Will be worth paying attention to going forward
- c. Availability of race/diversity for CCAFA
  - i. Matt suggested producing heavier reporting for CCAFA meetings 1 and 4
  - ii. Lighter reporting for CCAFA meetings 2 and 3
  - iii. Matt suggested sharing a statistical report from CCAFA with broader FCAFA membership annually, after CCAFA meeting 1
- d. Discussion of ensuring a holistic approach to admissions
- e. Discussion of Admission Office mission statement (David Hall)
  - i. Revisit 1983 meeting notes at a future meeting
  - ii. For a future meeting: share current version of the College's mission statement + 1983 motion with the meeting notes
  - iii. Want to find a path to having a legally compliant, mission-aligned statement going forward
  - iv. Prof. Jill Miller – disaggregation of athletics/admission data
    1. What data to be considered going forward

## 3. FCAFA items in the near future

- a. Review of admission communication plan – redoing suite of publications and outreach in time for next year's cycle
- b. Further discussion of the Humanities in admission
- c. Follow up on faculty engagement/outreach