DATE: January 5, 2011
TO: R. Sigurdson, Dean, Faculty of Arts
FROM: L. Wilson, Faculty of Arts Academic Regulations Policy Committee
SUBJECT: Report of the Faculty of Arts Academic Regulations Policy Committee

Preamble

The above Committee met on December 16, 2010. The terms of reference of the Committee stipulate that it shall recommend to Faculty Council, through the Arts Executive Committee, with respect to undergraduate regulations relating to admission, General, Integrated Studies, Advanced and Honours degree programs, examinations, grading system, required performance levels, and all requirements for receiving degrees.

The Committee reviewed the proposal submitted by Dr. Linda Wilson to consider a blended entry admission to the Faculty of Arts.

1. A proposal to consider Blended Entry System of Admission to the Faculty of Arts.

PREAMBLE

The final report of the committee to review University 1 (March, 2010) recommended that those Faculties/Schools wishing to do so be permitted to admit students directly from high school (as some professional schools currently do). However, current practices of admitting students to Faculties/Schools from University 1 should also remain as an option for students. The operation of both modes of admission constitutes a blended entry system. At its September, 2010 meeting, the Senate Committee on Admissions (SCADM) considered and recommended a universal template for the direct entry component of this blended entry strategy (see Attachment 1). At that meeting it was clear that Faculties/Schools could opt in or out of blended entry and that it was at the discretion of Faculties/Schools to propose the required high school courses and the percentage mark required on the high school courses presented for admission. At its October meeting, Senate approved SCADM’s recommendation of the following universal template.

1. Direct entry from high school will be based on the following criteria:
   a. Average of 85% or higher in final grades in three Grade 12 S or U courses, including:
      i. One credit in English (or another language);
ii. One course related to the discipline that is a normal prerequisite for registration in University 1 courses currently required for Faculty admission or for later registration in the degree program (e.g., biology for Kinesiology & Recreation Management; one of chemistry, physics or biology for Science);

iii. A third course

2. A minimum of 60% must be presented in each of the three courses used for direct admission.

3. Applicants must also meet the general University requirements which include Manitoba high school graduation, with a minimum of five full credits at the Grade 12 level, in courses designated S, U, or G (General).

4. An admission route through University 1 must be maintained to allow students to compete for admission after 24 credit hours of qualifying work.

5. The Faculty must establish a policy for allowing a minimum number of transfer students (from University 1 and other post-secondary institutions). Well-prepared students who elect to enter University 1 and then apply for transfer should not be penalized.

**OBSERVATIONS**

Currently, the Faculty of Arts does not admit students directly. Rather, students transit to Arts from University 1 after having completed 24 - 30 credit hours of coursework, providing their cGPA ≥ 2.0. Those students whose cGPA < 2.00 are considered for admission providing they have achieved an adjusted GPA ≥ 2.00 on their best 24 credit hours on recommendation of the Dean. Therefore, the proximal basis for admission of high school students to Arts is University coursework; whereas, the distal basis is requirements for admission to University 1. These requirements (Attachment 2) include the following (accessed from http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/admissions/media/requirements_mb.pdf):

1. Manitoba high school graduation, with five full credits at the Grade 12 level, in courses designated S (Specialized), G (General), or U (Dual Credit – University), with a minimum of three of these credits in S or U courses.

2. Completion of **one** of the following sets (A, B, or C) of requirements:

| Set A | • A minimum average of 70% over three Grade 12 S or U credits  
|       | • One credit of Grade 12 S or U English, with a minimum grade of 60% |
| Set B: (limited admission) | • A minimum average of 63% to 69% over three Grade 12 S or U credits  
|                               | • One credit of Grade 12 S or U English, with a minimum grade of 60% |
| Set C: (limited admission) | • A minimum of 70% over three Grade 12 S or U credits, but lacking the Grade 12 S or U English requirement (either less than 60% or no credit at all) |

Several other Faculties/Schools will be adopting a blended entry system. Science will use the standard template, with the 85% average covering the following three courses: Grade 12 S or U English; mathematics (either applied math or pre-calculus); and one of either biology, chemistry, physics, or computer science. Science represents a unique situation for a non-professional faculty/school in that progression in any of its course work across 13 separate departments/programs requires math and one of the other science options.
In addition to reviewing blended entry strategies by other Faculties/Schools at the University of Manitoba, the Committee also reviewed an analysis of high school entry averages of students admitted to Arts from University 1 from Fall, 2007 to Fall, 2010, as compiled by B. Chappell in the Office of the Registrar. Attachment 3 shows both the total number of students (upper panel) and percentage of students admitted (lower panel) who could have entered Arts directly based on our recommendation.

The Committee agreed the Faculty of Arts should adopt a blended entry system of admission and considered a number of blended entry options. They agreed that a blended entry system should provide simplicity in communication and understanding by prospective students and their teachers and guidance counselors.

RECOMMENDATION

*It was unanimously RECOMMENDED that the Faculty of Arts implement the following blended entry system of admission*

- Manitoba high school graduation, with five full credits at the Grade 12 level, in courses designated S (Specialized), G (General), or U (Dual Credit – University), with a minimum average of 85% over three Grade 12 S or U credits
- One of the three courses included in the minimum average of 85% must be Grade 12 S or U English, with a minimum grade of 70%

Note: It is strongly recommended that prospective students complete either applied mathematics or pre-calculus in high school in order to facilitate their fulfilling the University’s ‘M’ requirement for graduation.

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I would ask that this report and attachments be transmitted to the next meeting of Arts Executive on January 20, 2011. I would be pleased to present the report at that meeting upon your invitation.
Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions concerning a proposal from Enrolment Services to establish a blended entry system of admission for applicants from high school as well as from University 1 (2010.09.03)

Preamble:

The terms of reference for this committee can be found at: http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/governance/sen_committees/490.htm.

The Final Report of the University 1 Review Committee, submitted to the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost on May 17, 2010, included a recommendation to allow well-prepared high school students the option of applying for direct admission to first-year degree programs (that now take students only after they have completed first year) alongside the opportunity to apply for admission to University 1.

At the current time, high school graduates have four entry points to the University:

1. Admission to University 1, with an average of 70% or higher on three Grade 12 S or U (Specialized or Dual Credit-University) courses and a minimum of 60% in Grade 12 S or U English. Students with averages of 63-69%, or with a grade in English of less than 60%, may be granted limited admission.

2. Direct admission to the School of Art or the Faculty of Music, with the same level of academic requirements as University 1 and satisfactory portfolios (in Art) or auditions (in Music).

3. Direct entry to the two-year diploma program in Agriculture, with 40S English, Mathematics, and a science recommended.

4. Direct entry to the undergraduate program in Engineering with an average of 85% over three specified Grade 12 courses, namely pre-calculus, chemistry and physics.

General Studies is also a direct entry program, but high school applicants are redirected to University 1.

The U1 Review Committee recommended that other faculties be permitted to establish ‘blended entry’ options, similar to the Engineering standard, which would allow well-prepared students to choose either direct entry or entry after University 1.

The University 1 Review Committee included the following recommendations on page nine in the Final Report:

We recommend that Senate consider establishing this “blended entry” system of admission, the principle features of which must include:

1. In order to qualify for direct admission to a Faculty, the applicants must have an average grade of at least 85% on three specified Manitoba Grade 12 courses, or their equivalent. A threshold different from 85% may be recommended by a Faculty where it is consistent with the underlying principles of a blended system and the principles set out in this report.

2. Each Faculty permitting direct admission must also provide for admission on the basis of performance in University 1.

Comments of the Senate Executive Committee:
The Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.
3. Regardless of route of entry (direct admission or via University 1), students aiming for admission to a given Faculty would take the same first-year courses and would be required to fulfill the same distribution requirements applicable to University 1 students. Allowance would have to be made for those direct entry students who present Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate credentials at a level acceptable for registration in upper-level courses not normally open to first-year students.

(Section 6 of the Final Report of the University 1 Review Committee deals with blended entry and is attached as Appendix 1.)

**Observations:**

There are thirteen faculties and schools that currently admit students after University 1:

1. Agricultural & Food Sciences
2. Arts
3. Business
4. Dental Hygiene
5. Environment, Earth & Resources
6. Environmental Design
7. Human Ecology
8. Kinesiology & Recreation Management
9. Medical Rehabilitation
10. Nursing
11. Pharmacy
12. Science
13. Social Work

Although the recommendations of the University 1 Review Committee allow for blended entry, it is not suggested that this option become a requirement. Many of the faculties/schools listed above may not wish a blended system due to the very competitive nature of selection and the belief that ranking applicants on university grades provides a more level playing field than ranking them on high school achievement. Other faculties, with less competitive selection processes, may be able to accommodate all well-prepared high school applicants in addition to all qualified applicants from University 1.

**Recommendations:**

In order to facilitate establishing 'blended entry' programs for Faculties/Schools wishing to take advantage of this option, while being mindful of the public perception of these changes and of University 1, and the need for high schools to prepare their students for these changes, the following principles are proposed:

1. Any Faculty moving to a blended entry system must have approval of their Faculty Council.
2. Any Faculty request for a blended entry system must be submitted to the Director of Admissions by December 1 for inclusion in the next year's Student Recruitment and Admissions publications. Implementation of the blended entry will normally be effective for the subsequent year's intake (i.e., blended entry proposals approved by February 1, 2011 would allow students to apply during the 2011-2012 academic year for the 2012 September intake; see Appendix II for implementation and marketing timeline).
3. Direct entry from high school will be based on the following criteria:
   a. Average of 85% or higher in final grades in three Grade 12 S or U courses, including:
      i. One credit in English (or another language);
      ii. One course related to the discipline that is a normal prerequisite for registration in University 1 courses currently required for Faculty admission or for later registration in the degree program (e.g., biology for Kinesiology & Recreation Management; one of chemistry, physics or biology for Science);
      iii. A third course.
4. A minimum of 60% must be presented in each of the three courses used for direct admission.
5. Applicants must also meet the general University requirements which includes Manitoba high school graduation, with a minimum of five full credits at the Grade 12 level, in courses designated S, U, or G (General).
6. An admission route through University 1 must be maintained to allow students to compete for admission after 24 credit hours of qualifying work.
7. The Faculty must establish a policy for allowing a minimum number of transfer students (from University 1 and other post-secondary institutions). Well-prepared students who elect to enter University 1 and then apply for transfer should not be penalized.
8. When conditions 1-7 above can be met, the Faculty can institute blended entry without further approval required of SCADM. The details of their admission requirements must be reported for information to SCADM and to Senate. Faculties who wish to implement other standards for admission requirements must present proposals to SCADM for consideration.

The Senate Committee on Admission recommends:

THAT Senate approves the proposal on blended admission for applicants from high school as well as from University 1 as outlined above.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gottheil, Chair
Senate Committee on Admissions
2011 - 2012
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

PROGRAMS ADMITTING DIRECTLY FROM HIGH SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY 1

1. Manitoba high school graduation, with five full credits at the Grade 12 level, in courses designated S (Specialized), G (General), or U (Dual Credit) University, with a minimum of three of these credits in S or U Courses.
2. Completion of one of the following sets (A, B or C) of requirements:

   Set A:
   - A minimum average of 70% over three Grade 12 S or U credits
   - One credit of Grade 12 S or U English, with a minimum grade of 60%

   Set B (limited admission):
   - A minimum average of 65% to 69% over three Grade 12 S or U credits
   - One credit of Grade 12 S or U English, with a minimum grade of 60%

   Set C (limited admission):
   - A minimum average of 70% over three Grade 12 S or U credits, but lacking the Grade 12 S or U English requirement (either less than 60% or no credit at all)

School of Agriculture (Diploma Program) 2 Year Diploma

1. Completion of Grade 12 and high school graduation are recommended.
2. English 40S, Mathematics 40S or 45S, and a science 40S course required.
3. Students who do not meet the requirements may still apply; an interview may be required in these situations.

Faculty of Engineering 4 and 5 year options

1. Manitoba high school graduation, with five full credits at the Grade 12 level, in courses designated S, G or U
2. A minimum 65% average over the following three required courses:
   - Chemistry 40S (min. 60%), Pre-Calculus Math 40S (min. 60%), and Physics 40S (min. 60%).

School of Art (Studio Degree Program) 3 and 4 year programs

1. Candidates must meet the same admission standards as University 1 applicants.
2. A portfolio is required.
3. Grade 12 Art is recommended.

School of Art (Diploma Program) 4 year program

1. Candidates must meet the same admission standards as University 1 applicants.
2. A portfolio is required.
3. Grade 12 Art is recommended.

General Studies (Extended Education) (Non Degree Program)

1. Candidates must meet the same admission standards as University 1 applicants.

Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music (4 year Degree; 5 year B.Ed./B.Mus. Program) 4 and 5 year programs

1. Candidates must meet the same admission standards as University 1 applicants.
2. An audition and a theory assessment are required.
3. Recommended level of musicianship (Toronto Conservatory or Conservatories Canada: Piano/Strings/Organ; Voice/Winds).
4. Grade 12 level music and a second language are recommended.
**ADVANCED ENTRY PROGRAMS THAT ADMIT FROM UNIVERSITY 1**

Students applying to any of these programs must first complete prerequisite courses in University 1 (or a faculty) to meet the pre-professional entrance requirements. High school students should prepare for admission by meeting the requirements of University 1 and the specific Grade 12 prerequisites listed below.

### Faculties without High School Prerequisites (HSP)

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### Faculties with High School Prerequisites (HSP)

#### Agricultural & Food Sciences (Degree)

**HSP Pre-Calculus Math 40S (min. 60%) required for all degree programs. Biology 40S and Chemistry 40S required for all programs except Agriculture. Physics 40S required for Pre-Vet studies.**

**Program Length: 4 years; 5 years with co-op option**

#### Business

**HSP Pre-Calculus Math 40S (min. 60%).**

**Program Length: 4 years**

#### Dental Hygiene

**HSP Chemistry 40S and Applied Math 40S or Pre-Calculus Math 40S. Strongly recommended: Biology 40S.**

**Program Length: 3 years**

#### Dentistry

**HSP Biology 40S, Chemistry 40S, Applied Math 40S (min. 70%) or Pre-Calculus Math 40S, and Physics 40S.**

**Program Length: 6 years**

#### Education

**HSP Completion of Grade 12 level courses in the area one plans on teaching.**

**Program Length: 5 years**

#### Environment, Earth and Resources

**HSP Environmental Science: Biology 40S, Chemistry 40S, Pre-Calculus Math 40S (min. 60%) and Physics 40S. Ecological Sciences: Chemistry 40S, Pre-Calculus Math 40S (min. 60%) and Physics 40S is required. Geology: Pre-Calculus Math 40S (min. 60%).**

**Program Length: General: 3 years; Honours/Major: Advanced: 4 years. Note: co-op option may extend studies**

#### Fine Arts (Art History)

**HSP A portfolio is required. Recommended: Grade 12 Art.**

**Program Length: General: 3 years; Honours: 4 years**

#### Human Ecology

**HSP Human Nutritional Sciences, Interdisciplinary Health programs & Textile Development Stream: Biology 40S required for taking BIOL 1120. Chemistry 40S and Math (Applied or Pre-calculus) 40S. Family Social Sciences, Human Ecology programs & Product Development Stream: Math 40S is required if taking CHEM 1300.**

**Program Length: General: 4 years**

#### Kinesiology & Recreation Management

**HSP B.R.M.C.D. 40S level math. B.Kin. 40S level math required. Biology 40S and one of Chemistry 40S or Physics 40S required if taking BIOL 1020. B.P.T., Biology 40S and 40S level math is recommended.**

**Program Length: 3 years (B. P. T.); 4 years (B. K., B.R.M.C.D.)**

#### Medical Rehabilitation


**Program Length: 5 years**

#### Medicine

**HSP Biology 40S, Chemistry 40S and Applied Math 40S (min. 70%) or Pre-Calculus Math 40S. Physics is recommended for writing the MCAT. English 40S is recommended.**

**Program Length: 7-8 years**

#### Nursing

**HSP Any Math 40S. Biology 40S is strongly recommended as well as other Grade 12 level science courses.**

**Program Length: 4 years**

#### Pharmacy

**HSP Biology 40S, Chemistry 40S, and Pre-Calculus Math 40S (min. 60%).**

**Program Length: General: 3 years; Honours/Major: 4 years**

#### Science

**HSP (Depending on major: Biology 40S, Chemistry 40S, Physics 40S, Applied Math 40S, Pre-Calculus Math 40S is often a math prerequisite varies by program. For more information, please consult the University 1 STARTbook website at www.umanitoba.ca/calculatemanual.)**

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*Applications accepted from international students, but priority given to Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.

* Residents priority - no international students admitted. This does not include Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.
Option for Direct Entry  An 85% average on the grades for three (3) Grade 12 S or U courses, but maintain the current course distribution requirements for admission to U1; Grade 12 S or U English would be one of the three courses comprising the 85% average (and it must have a minimum grade of 70%)

n. b. Total students admitted from Fall, 2007 – Fall, 2010 under all admission categories (including those admitted for whom the Registrar’s Office could not trace high school course data) were 1120 (2007), 1166 (2008), 1268 (2009), and 1292 (2010). The apparent increase in both number and percentage of students admitted to Arts from 2009 and 2010 represents the work of Arts, Science, and U1 to move students out of U1 who had the requisite averages to transit to Arts or Science, but had not transited. Note that the numbers/percentages for 2010 include only those admitted for Fall, 2010; whereas, the remaining totals/percentages were calculated on the basis of admissions across a full academic year (Fall, Winter, Summer).