December 12, 1997 Faculty Council Meeting

October 29, 1997

Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admissions

Ex-Officio Committee 1996-97 Annual Report

Members: Stephen Birdsall, Donald Jicha, Raymond Dooley, David Halperin, Dirk Frankenberg, Stanley Black III, Cynthia Freund, Barbara Moran.

Ad Hoc Members: Russell Van Wyk, John Edgerly, John Evans, Fred Hobson, Sylvia Hoffert, Frederick Mueller, Dixie Spiegel.

Ex Officio Members: Susan Kitchen, Jane Byron, Carolyn Cannon, James Walters, David Lanier, James Kessler, Eleanor Morris, Herbert Davis, Barbara Polk, Anthony (Tony) Strickland, Sue Klapper, Timothy Sanford.

Members leaving committee during past year: None

Meetings during past year: September 4, 1996; October 9, 1996; November 6, 1996; January 15, 1997; April 9, 1997.

Report prepared by: Risa Palm, Dean (Chair), and Barbara Polk (Interim Director of Admissions, March 15, 1997-October 15, 1997.

Committee charge: Approves policies and procedures applicable to the Undergraduate Admissions Office which are not inconsistent with policies adopted by the Board of Trustees or applicable faculty legislation.

Previous Faculty Council questions or charges:

Complete review of University self-study issues, i.e., consider the effectiveness of current admissions criteria.

Report of activities:

[See comparative statistics (attached).]

- 1. Conducted annual reviews of admissions actions by the Admissions Subcommittees on Athletics, Persons with Disabilities, Exceptional Minorities, and review of the business of the Sub-Committee on Professional School Admissions Policies.
- 2. Discussed the implications of the School of Pharmacy processing admission applications for pharmacy transfer applicants. At the request of the School of Pharmacy, the Committee members felt it appropriate that this change be made.

- 3. Discussed the implications of limiting transfer students in the number of hours they can transfer into the University. The Committee members found it appropriate to limit transfer students to transferring no more than 75 hours to the university.
- 4. Discussed criteria for the admission of home-schooled students. While the Committee members agreed that it can be beneficial to have additional academic information when evaluating applicants from home-schooled backgrounds, they also understood that the State Legislature and General Administration could impact the current policy. (Five SAT II's were required during the 1996-97 year). Further discussion was delayed on this topic until the results of the 1997 Legislative Session were available.

Resolutions for action by Faculty Council:

That the Faculty Council endorses the value of continuing faculty involvement in Admissions Office recruitment efforts directed toward top student applicants.