COMMITTEE: Admissions and Retention

MEETING DATE: Monday October 1, 2001

PERSON PRESIDING: John Cope

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Burton, Clark, Cope, Duffy, Mahony, Tovey

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Britt, Tabrizi

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marilynn McDiarmid (International Studies)

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: minutes of Aug. 27 meeting approved

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Agenda Item: introduction of Marilynn McDiarmid, representing International Studies, former ex-officio member of the Admissions and Recruitment Committee

Discussion: McDiarmid reported that their office had 77 undergraduate international applications for this year: 25 were admitted and 17 had enrolled: 14 of these are exchange students

   discussed a bill being introduced in the US Senate by Feinstein (D, CA) placing a 6-month moratorium on student visas. Since 15 of 19 visas issued to the Sept. 11 hijackers were business or tourist visas, any moratorium on student visas alone seems unfair. She encouraged us to contact our own Senators and Feinstein to oppose this move

   explained the process of orientation for international students, which includes copying and matching passports, visas, etc. McDiarmid also reported that the office had been in contact with international students following the Sept. 11 attacks to encourage and support those students

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Agenda Item: review of annual reports from the four committees that have been replaced by Admissions and Retention Committee

Discussion: Cope asked for volunteers from those dissolved committees to enlighten us on the issues in the annual reports and how significant these issues are. Duffy volunteered to look into the report of the credits committee. Clark agreed to check with former members of the Readmission Appeals Committee and to invite Dorothy Muller to the next meeting. Burton, from the former Student Advising and Retention Committee, reported that advising is the key to retention and we should work to improve Faculty support for advising.

Cope, as a former member of Admissions and Recruitment Committee, discussed the continuing need for marketing and promotion strategies for recruiting west of I-95.
NEXT MEETING:  Monday, Nov. 5, 2001

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Update on undergraduate studies, Dorothy Muller
Detailed reports from dissolved committees
Determine objectives and goals for the year