

2008-2009 Faculty Senate Recommendations

Faculty Senate Recommendation concerning Textbook Adoption Policy

Current Policy: University Manual of Policies and Procedures, Policy II:04:01 (May 1987, May 1997, Jan. 2006)

“Textbooks are to be used a minimum of three (3) years. Exceptions to the three (3) year policy must be approved by the appropriate academic dean.”

Recommended Policy: University Manual of Policies and Procedures, Policy II:04:01 (May 1987, May 1997, Jan. 2006, ??? 2008)

“Textbooks *should* be used a minimum of three (3) years. Exceptions to the three (3) year policy must be approved by the appropriate *department head*.”

italics added to indicate recommended changes

Recommendation to Streamline the Application Process for Academic Scholarships Offered by JSU

In an effort to increase the quality of Jacksonville State University’s student body, the following recommended proposal is respectfully submitted for your examination and consideration.

1. That Jacksonville State University (JSU) move forward diligently with streamlining the application process for academic scholarships offered by JSU.
2. That the following action items be taken to streamline the application process:

Revise JSU Application Admission Process: That the application admission process to JSU include all information necessary to determine eligibility for academic scholarships. This information includes official high school transcripts, documentation of residence, and relevant standardized testing scores (i.e., ACT, SAT).

Revise Eligibility Criteria: That the current criteria for GPA eligibility based on a student’s “core” courses taken (see below) be revised and based instead on a student’s “overall” courses taken.

The GPA for Elite Scholars, Faculty Scholars, Gamecock Scholars, Gem of the Hills Scholars, Mimosa Scholars, Honors Scholars and Leadership scholarships will be an academic GPA calculation based on English, social sciences,

math, and science courses taken through student's 9th - 11th grade years.

Revise Eligibility Criteria: That the in-state academic scholarships include students from Georgia that are eligible for in-state tuition under the Alabama-Georgia tuition reciprocity agreement. These Georgia students are residents of Bartow, Carroll, Chattooga, Coweta, Douglas, Floyd, Haralson, Heard, Paulding, and Polk counties.

Track Acceptance Rate: That JSU begin tracking the acceptance rate of the academic scholarships that are offered.

Pursue Students: That JSU purchase that ACT scores of Alabama students and Georgia students that are eligible for in-state tuition under the Alabama-Georgia tuition reciprocity agreement. These Georgia students are residents of Bartow, Carroll, Chattooga, Coweta, Douglas, Floyd, Haralson, Heard, Paulding, and Polk counties.

Recommendation to Improve the Usability and Usefulness of JSU's Website

In an effort to increase the quality of Jacksonville State University's online presence, the following recommended proposal is respectfully submitted for your examination and consideration.

1. That Jacksonville State University (JSU) move forward diligently with improving the usability and usefulness of its Website.
2. That the JSU Website comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and employ basic usability and usefulness guidelines, such as those identified through the Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI).
3. That the JSU Website be benchmarked or modeled after other, better designed university Websites, such as the University of Alabama (www.ua.edu/) or Auburn University (www.auburn.edu/).