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Dear CASA members,

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Committee on the Admission of Student Athletes (CASA) for the 2015-2016 academic year. CASA was formed in 1983 to ensure academic oversight and transparency in the admission of student-athletes and continues to play a vital and important role. Amy Ledford has agreed to convene and facilitate meetings as student-athlete application volume warrants.

The committee is charged to review student-athlete applications requiring special admission consideration, including applicants in the following categories:

a) those who lack one or more courses required to meet high school subject pattern requirements;

b) those who, due to increasing academic competitiveness, would not be selected for admission to their first choice program if reviewed as a general applicant, including those who are not considered because they applied after the published deadline or applied to a program not open to general applicants; and

c) those students who would be referred to the Access and Achievement Program or other similar programs on campus for admission consideration.

In each case, the committee’s goal should be to determine whether the student’s objective academic record and demonstrated academic motivation, plus the special support services available, will combine to give him or her a reasonable chance for academic success. Please find the 2015-2016 Guidelines enclosed to help with these cases. While admission must be approved by the senior admissions officer of the unit in which the student will enroll, the committee has the authority to deny admission to the campus and any such decision is binding for all units.

Once again, thank you for agreeing to serve on this important committee.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Wilson
Interim Chancellor

Edward Feser
Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

Enclosure
Committee on the Admission of Student Athletes
2015-2016 Guidelines

The Committee on the Admission of Student Athletes (CASA) was formed in 1983 at the direction of the Chancellor to ensure academic oversight and transparency in the admission of student-athletes. CASA is charged each year by the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Voting members comprise the senior admissions officer, or designee, from each of the undergraduate admitting units and the Assistant Provost for Enrollment Management in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Nonvoting ex officio members include the Director of Academic Services for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, or designee, and a designee of the Senate Committee on Admissions. CASA review is limited to student-athletes who are being recruited to varsity athletics.

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In each case, the committee should determine whether the student's objective academic record and demonstrated academic motivation, plus the special support services available, will combine to give him or her a reasonable chance for academic success. Admission must be approved by the senior admissions officer of the unit in which the student will enroll. Most importantly, the committee has the authority to deny admission to the campus and any such decision is binding for all units.

To facilitate timely review, the Director of Academic Services for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, or his/her designee, may discuss a recruited student-athlete's application, academic record and athletic performance/potential with admissions staff members and/or employees with admissions responsibility prior to CASA meetings to ensure materials are complete, provide information relevant to the CASA review process, screen credentials, etc.

The Associate Provost for Enrollment Management will submit a report on the CASA process, including a summary of the outcomes, to the Provost and the Senate Committee on Admissions every three years.