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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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 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.

CASA's considerations have historically been limited to varsity athletes on the teams supported by the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA). Beginning this year, the committee may also be asked to consider applications for the university's wheelchair athletic teams. These applications will be brought to the committee by Stephanie Wheeler. Note that the wheelchair teams are not part of the DIA, but are funded by and report to the Division of Disability Resources and Educational Services (DRES).

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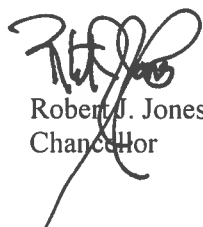
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Wheelchair athletes can earn varsity letters and have access to the facilities in DIA's Irwin Academic Services Center, though they receive academic support from DRES. Your decisions about applicants for wheelchair teams should be based on the same criteria you apply to applicants for DIA teams. The inclusion of wheelchair teams is not intended to alter, limit or supersede any current CASA decisions, policies or practices for traditional student-athletes.

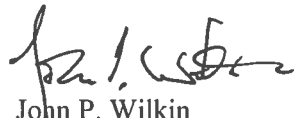
This year, we ask that the committee gain an up-to-date understanding of the special support services that wheelchair athletes receive from DRES. Dr. Pat Malik has agreed to provide a briefing and, if the committee wishes, a tour of DRES facilities. Please complete this update before you begin reviewing applications.

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

Sincerely,



Robert J. Jones
Chancellor



John P. Wilkin
Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
and Provost

c: P. Malik

Enclosure

Committee on the Admission of Student Athletes 2017-2018 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 Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost. Voting members comprise the senior admissions officer, or designee, from each of the undergraduate admitting units and the Director of Undergraduate Admissions. Nonvoting *ex officio* members include the Director of Academic Services for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, or designee, a designee from the Division of Disability Resources and Education Services, and a designee of the Senate Committee on Admissions. CASA review is limited to student-athletes who are being recruited to varsity athletics as well as applications for the university's wheelchair athletic teams.

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- 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 for admission consideration.

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, as well as the representative from the Division of Disability Resources and Education Services (DRES), 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 Director of Undergraduate Admissions 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.