

DATE: March 7, 2017
TO: CoSM Curriculum Committee
FROM: Jacqueline Neal, Assistant Dean, CoSM
RE: CoSM Direct Admit Criteria for 2017-2018 Academic Year

The College of Science and Mathematics requests approval from the CoSM Curriculum Committee to change the criteria for direct admission to CoSM departments to the following values for Fall 2017:

High School GPA ≥ 3.000
AND Complete College Prep requirements in high school
AND ACT Math score 22 or higher or SAT Math score 520 or higher

The current CoSM criteria for direct admission are:

High School GPA > 3.000
AND Complete College Prep requirements in high school
AND ACT Math score 22 or higher or SAT Math score 520 or higher
AND ACT English score 23 or higher or SAT English score 530 or higher

The reasons for the changes are:

- 1) Our college and departments are held accountable for retention of all of our students, not only direct admit students but also university college intending students
- 2) Although one solution to this reality is to direct admit all intending students to CoSM, we would like to direct admit those who have a reasonable chance of success in the college, to avoid large numbers of students needing to move from our college to other colleges
- 3) Students with the new criteria described above are already eligible to take our entry level science courses for majors, college algebra and statistics
- 4) Using these criteria for direct admits would increase the population by ~90 students. This is unlikely to put an undue burden on our college and departmental advising.
- 5) We believe that this will increase the retention of the students that previously would have been in university college, as they have the opportunity to make connections with the faculty and advisors in their department earlier