

Minutes
ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE
Meeting of December 7, 1992

Members Present--Wood, Beary, Hoover, Tessier, Gould, Maraffa

1. Meeting called to order 4:05 P.M.
2. Genevra Mann addressed the committee regarding SB140 at YSU. Her remarks centered around four issues.
 - a. What is YSU's policy regarding SB140?
 - b. How does YSU's policy differ from that of other state universities?
 - c. What are the problems that have developed at YSU?
 - d. What do you think an ideal SB140 policy should be?

The following summarizes her comments:

YSU's policy regarding SB140 is that high school students are admitted if they are in the upper 20% of their high school class and qualify for English 550 on the EPT. Most 500-600 level courses without prerequisites are open to students. Currently there are 74 students enrolled through SB140.

YSU's requirements are the most lenient in the State. Other schools limit the number of students admitted, limit the number of courses per term, or restrict them to certain courses. For example, at KSU an ACT of 26 is required. CWRU limits the program to 15 students who can take only two courses per term, not offered at their high schools. Many schools prohibit students from taking freshman English. The trend is for universities to tighten up their requirements.

Among the problems are 1) no person at YSU has authority over the program. 2) Students are taking too many courses. 3) Students are given books (as mandated) but they are not required to return them and are selling them for cash. 4) The intent of the program was to provide options for students in school districts with limited course offerings, but it has evolved into a defacto scholarship program. 5) Students are taking courses that could be taken at the high schools and are potentially missing one/two years of socialization with high school peers. 6) Program is being improperly perceived by the universities as a recruiting tool. 7) Program is draining subsidy from school districts. 8) There is a lack of coordination/cooperation between YSU and area high schools.

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An ideal SB140 program at YSU would include the following:

- 1) Stricter requirements such as upper 15% of class, and minimum ACT and GPA requirements.
- 2) Limit to two courses per term.
- 3) Identification of a person with authority over the program.

3. The committee discussed these issues. It was agreed that the following information should be gathered.

- a. Background on the original bill and its implementation at YSU.
- b. Up to date tracking data on SB140 students.
- c. More complete information on policies at other state universities.

It was further agreed that Van Siatras should address the committee regarding his involvement with SB140.

4. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.