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FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 88-19

WHEREAS the automatic admission of new freshmen who have completed the basic college preparatory curriculum, regardless of grades earned, has resulted in the admission of some poorly prepared students with a low probability of success at LSU, and

WHEREAS the establishment of some quality or mastery standards in the basic curriculum would help to improve this situation, and at the same time send the appropriate message to high school students and their parents, and

WHEREAS the high school grade record appears to provide the best single predictor of success in college (given the required curriculum, and

WHEREAS the counselors and principals of the state's high schools have already been informed that such a requirement is under consideration, and most are expecting (and will welcome) this addition to the admission requirements at LSU;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that beginning with the 1990 summer session a minimum grade-point average of 2.0/4.0 on the high school academic core curriculum will be required of all freshmen with fewer than 24 hours of college-level work for admission to LSU, with exceptions being determined by the committee established in Resolution 88-16, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee will continue to monitor this and other requirements and suggest further enhancements to the criteria as they become feasible.

ADOPTED: May 3, 1989