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# Meeting Minutes

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**Council of Academic Deans  
CAD Minutes  
February 21, 2018  
1:30 p.m.**

**Voting Members Present:** Cheryl Stevens, Sam Evans, Susann deVries, Jeff Katz, Scott Lyons, Larry Snyder, Dennis George, Neale Chumbler

**Advisory Members Present:** David Lee, Richard Miller, Cheryl Davis, Craig Cobane, Brian Meredith, Beth Laves, Doug McElroy, Tuesdi Helbig, Sylvia Gaiko, Ladonna Hunton, and Amber Scott Belt.

**Guests Present:** Chris Keller

**I. Approval of February 7, 2018 Minutes**

Dean deVries made a motion, seconded by Dean Evans, to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2018 CAD Meeting. The motion passed without dissent.

**II. Information Items:**

**A. Head for the Hill**

Dr. Meredith shared with deans and advisory members that the most recent Head for the Hill event went extraordinarily well. WKU welcomed approximately 2,100 guests which included approximately 900 students. Dr. Meredith also shared that currently individuals with a CAI below 60 are no longer being admitted to WKU. He further added this admission standard may be changed for AY 19-20 to no longer allow individuals to be admitted with a CAI below 65.

**B. World Language Requirement**

Dr. McElroy provided deans and advisory members with an update concerning the ongoing World Language requirement discussion. Dr. McElroy indicated that the committee has reviewed the following four options:

Option #1 – Eliminate the University’s World Language requirement entirely and leave it to the discretion of academic programs to determine which programs will require world language and which will not.

Option #2 - Allow students to fulfill the requirement by either 1) providing proof they have completed two years of world language in high school; 2) test out; or 3) complete the necessary courses.

Option #3 – Implement a short (30 min or less) placement test that could be taken either remotely or during orientation. This would provide both a test out option and the ability to better place students in either 101 or 102. This option cannot be implemented for Fall 2018.

Option #4 – Keep the University’s World Language requirement and find a way to increase class size and course offerings without hiring additional faculty. The committee determined this option was not viable.

The committee recommends moving forward with Option #2 through AY 18-19 as a pilot program while continuing discussions concerning a more permanent solution beginning in AY 19-20.

**III. Discussion Items:**

A. Priority Registration Request – ROTC

Dean Snyder made a motion, seconded by Dean George, to approve the ROTC request for tier 1 priority registration. The motion passed without dissent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Scott Belt