

University Committee on Admissions
Minutes
11a.m.
Oct. 13, 2021
Via WebEx

Attendees:

Marion Morgenstern, Academic Advising
Shannon Sullivan, Faculty of Science
Renee Shute, Faculty of HSS
Jason Geary, Blundon Centre
Michelle Honeygold, Admissions Office

1. Approval of minutes

2. Case 8

Status:	NL high school student, graduated June 2021
Reason for appeal:	Learning disability in math
Final admission average:	77.25% (with substitute course)
Intended program:	BA, Law and Society Major
Semester applied:	Winter 2022
Decision:	Substitute World Literature 3207 for the missing math requirement and accept.

3. Duolingo extension

Admissions Manager, Keir McIsaac researched how students admitted to MUN with Duolingo scores compared academically with those admitted with other standardized tests. Although the results were comparable, it is recommended that we extend our acceptance of the Duolingo English Test at a minimum score of 115 through to the Spring 2023 semester, to be reviewed again before the Fall 2023 application opens in October 2022. This will allow further analysis of the use of Duolingo sub scores, a new feature introduced by the Duolingo organization. These sub scores will allow an even better picture of a student's reading, writing and English comprehension.

4. Senate sub-committee on admission criteria

As chair, Shannon Sullivan provided an update on the progress of the committee. The Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies has endorsed the proposed changes to the admission criteria. These changes will be distributed to the broader university committee for feedback within the near future.

Shannon also noted that there is discussion at the senior level of basing admissions on grade 11 final grades in an effort to increase the speed of admission decisions.