

University Participant (UP) Program Advisory Board/Admissions Steering Committee Meeting
Advisory meeting was held in conjunction with the UP Admissions Steering Committee Meeting
On Friday, February 7, 2020 from 12-4 pm in Killian 102

Purpose of the Meeting:

The UP Admissions Steering Committee currently serves as the UP Program Advisory Board. This group of key stakeholders from WCU and community partners met on Friday, February 7, 2020 to conduct an initial review of the top 10 Fall 2020 UP applicants and ranked them in order to invite them to the next phase of the UP Admission process (UP Orientation Camp in March of each year). All details with applicants are not included in the meeting minutes below in order to protect the applicant’s identity and maintain confidentiality.

<u>Attendees at Meeting:</u>	<u>Title/Representing Office:</u>
Chris Parrish and Emily Bingham	Undergraduate Admissions and UP Employer
Dale Carpenter	STL- SPED/IE faculty
Kelly Kelley	UP Director
Susan Buchanan	UP Admin Asst./Career Coordinator
Angela Biggs	UP Community Coordinator, CCESL Representative
Alex Raxter	UP Program GA-SPED
Sydnee Unterberg	UP Program GA-CSD
Tiffany Dennis	UP Program Intern, MSW
Chase Rickman	UP Program Intern, PSY
Kristan Norman	A Small Miracle QP/Community Partner
Janina Dehart	Office of Accessibility Resources, Assistant Director
Becky Garland	UP Parent of 2013 UP Graduate
Christina Mueth	UP Parent-Current 2 nd Year
Sherri Edmondson	UP Parent-Current 1 st Year
Trina Orr	Dir. Financial Aid
Mary Beth Deconinck	College of Business- Asst Professor, Marketing
Debbie Logan	Asst. Professor, Recreational Therapy
Cynthia Wray	Instructor, Communications
Alexander Macaulay	Assoc. Professor, History
Amy Rose	HHS—Asst. Professor, CSD, PEERS
Candy Noltensmeyer	Asst Professor, COMM
Mattie Davenport	WaLC- Tutoring and Writing Center
Larry Hammer	Registrar, Registrar’s Office
Donna Fox and Karen Roberts	A Small Miracle, QPs/Community Partner
Wendy Buchanan	UP Employer—Print Shop
Brandon MacCallum	UP Employer- Campus Recreation and Wellness
No Representative Present	WCU Residential Living
No Representative Present	WCU Educational Outreach
No Representative Present	STL Dept Head/Director

Items Discussed/Proposed for Fall 2020:

The UP Advisory/Steering Committee discussed potential pros and cons of increasing UP student acceptance/enrollment rates in order to better reflect the increased WCU student enrollment and to accurately represent the 0.1% prevalence of intellectual disability (ID) within our WCU community.

A motion and second from committee members was made with approval from members present in favor of increasing UP student enrollment from 8 to a total of 12 students (reflecting the 0.1% representation of the 12,000 WCU student enrollment). It was also discussed that UP students would have the option (like other WCU students to live in off-campus housing if needed) if on-campus housing was not approved beyond the 8 beds currently designated for UP students with WCU Residential Living for Fall 2020/Spring 2021.

Fall 2020 UP applicants were then reviewed and ranked individually with their submitted admission materials/videos for the remainder of the meeting.

Due to COVID-19, the UP Advisory Board/Steering Committee did not meet again in the Spring 2020 semester.