

Shared Governance Proposal

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

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Admission by Exception for Prospective Students with Exceptional Talent

Rationale:

Admissions standards for ASU-J may preclude the admission of prospective students who demonstrate exceptional talent, ability, accomplishment, or potential in specific areas such as the performing arts, athletics, leadership, or similar contribution to the university community but do not meet the numerical requirements of GPA and/or ACT/SAT (or comparable exam) used in ASU-J's admission standard. This proposal provides for the admission of such students who may be recruited for various performance-based activities or disciplines within the university.

Proposed Addition to the Undergraduate Admissions Standards:

Admission by Exception for Prospective Students with Exceptional Talent

Prospective students who demonstrate exceptional talent, ability, accomplishment, or potential in specific areas such as the performing arts, athletics, leadership, or similar contribution to the university community may be granted admission by exception to Arkansas State University-Jonesboro. Admission by exception provides a means to identify students who do not meet the numerical requirements (GPA and/or ACT/SAT) for admission but who demonstrate exceptional potential to contribute to ASU. Students admitted by exception will be required to participate in the intensive Academic Success Institute (ASI), under the auspices of University College. Successful completion of ASI will allow for continued enrollment at ASU.

To be granted admission by exception, student-athletes must satisfy the National Collegiate Athletic Association initial eligibility standards under Division I guidelines.

Colleges/Departments desiring to utilize "admission by exception" for students who are not athletes must provide documentation in support of the student's extraordinary talent, ability, accomplishment, or potential via petition to the **Undergraduate Admission Appeals Committee** for consideration. Admission by exception will generally be reserved for students eligible for performance scholarships.

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