

## Report from Recruitment Committee (and College RC, 3/Nov/2015) for Teaching Committee (11/Nov/2015)

We now have a new **UG Admissions Officer: Adam Lopez**

### 1. UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY - 2016/17 Intake:

**Conversion rates** as last year, where we were close to target:

#### Conversion rates: Unconditional offers

	SEU (Scotland)	% UF	SEU (Other)	% UF	RUK	% UF
5yr Average:		40.2%		57.4%		32.2%
2yr Average:		32.70%		61.30%		31.10%
<b>Recommended Conversion Rate</b>		<b>32.7%</b>		<b>61.3%</b>		<b>31.1%</b>

#### Conversion rates: Conditional offers

	SEU (Scotland)	% UF	SEU (Other)	% UF	RUK	% UF
5yr Average:		19.3%		30.6%		14.8%
2yr Average:		19.60%		32.50%		14.20%
<b>Recommended Conversion Rate</b>		<b>19.60%</b>		<b>32.50%</b>		<b>14.20%</b>

**Targets:** We do not yet have our targets for September 2016 entry

**Offer level:** we hope to go with the highest offer this year, as last year (rather than minimum as in previous year), 60+ points (= SQA AAAA, IB 37, A level AAA+).

#### College Recruitment Committee (CRC): Proposal to increase College SQA minimum

**requirements:** from 2017, for all CSE programmes, to bring closer to typical offer of AAAA, and higher minimum to attract more well qualified applicants:

SQA Higher AABB (by end of S5) AABBB or AAAB (S4-S6) (from ABBB)

**CRC: Contextual Admissions Policy (CAP):** more offers will now be made at typical rather than minimum offer level. Context PLUS (C+) still offered at minimum: these are students who may be disadvantaged by both neighbourhood characteristics and school performance.

**Implications:** *may need to provide support for those on minimum offer, once they are here.*

#### CRC: College Offer-Making Strategy:

RUK - aims to reduce insurance and increase firm acceptances; conditional offers AAA/A\*AA  
SEU - early offers for AAAAA and C+; gathered field for others (Feb/Mar); Waitlist for strong candidates with narrow miss; expect AAAA offers where high demand (decide in late Jan)

**CRC: Post Offer Visit Days (PAVDs):** Student Recruitment and Admissions (SRA) **propose co-ordinated university wide series of events**, with centrally organised information about the student experience (e.g. accommodation, finance). (Currently organised at College/School level - smaller numbers, more frequently). Propose Schools provide academic programme, but fixed number of dates available. Also needs extra resource for SRA, co-funded by Colleges. CHSS and Medicine agreed. Discussed - generally not supported by CSE schools.

**Recommend:** *KF and HW to consider advantages/disadvantages for Informatics PAVDs.*

## **2. POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT ENTRY - 2016/17 Intake:**

**MSc Fee Deposit Proposal:** discussed at strategy committee and generally supported. NH and HP revised the proposal: when student firmly accepts unconditional offer, fee would be requested; deadline in late June/early July, when results are known, time with issue of CASs. Failure to pay will result in offer withdrawn. Discussion of lower deposit (£500?).

**CRC discussion:** our decision, but we could not make changes for the current year...