Spring 2024 Admissions Committee report:

Jenny Chism from the Admissions Office provided a comprehensive presentation to the Faculty Senate Admissions Committee in mid-April regarding the state of Mason's enrollment for the freshman, transfer and graduate student populations Overall, we have received a record number of undergraduate applications for the Fall 2024 semester. Freshman applications are up 8.9% as compared to Fall 2023. Fall 2023 freshman deposits from committed students are down 7.7% as compared to this time last year, likely due to changes in FAFSA that have delayed financial aid packages, which should now be released on April 15. Based on yield projections, the number of freshman in Fall 2024 will be around 4,715, as compared to 4,414 in Fall 2023. First generation and underrepresented minority applications are up 21% and 12%, respectively.

Fall 2024 transfer applications are up 7.0% compared to Fall 2023 applications and deposits are on par with Fall 2023. Graduate student applications are down 11.2 %from last year, due to a 26.4% decline in international student applications. However, all other categories of graduate applications are up (Virginia, Out of State) and graduate deposits are up 7.4% as compared to Fall 2023. The increase in graduate enrollment is across the board and not specific to any particular program or college.

A direct admit program is being piloted for qualified students from select Alexandria City, Manassas, Prince William County and Fairfax County high schools. 1,255 seniors were offered admission and 654 (52%) claimed their offer. 71 of those students have submitted deposits.

Faculty Senate Questions:

1. During the past calendar year has the President, Provost, or Senior Vice President (or their respective offices) announced initiatives or goals or acted upon issues that fall under the charge of your Committee? If so, was your Committee consulted by the President, Provost, or Senior Vice President in a timely manner before the announcement or action? If not, do you believe your Committee should have been consulted? Would it have been helpful to have had the input of your Committee from the outset?

   No, there were no new initiatives/goals that feel under our charge.

   2. Did your Committee seek information or input from the President, Provost, or Senior Vice President or members of their staffs? If so, did they respond adequately and in a timely manner?

   No, we did not.

   3. Please suggest how you believe the President, Provost, Senior Vice President and/or their staffs might more effectively interact with your Committee in the future, if necessary.

4. Please relate any additional information you may have regarding interactions between your Committee and the President, Provost, Senior Vice President, or their staff.