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**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 athletics, leadership, and performance 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 admissions 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 athletics, leadership, and performance 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. Prospective first-time students admitted by exception will be required to participate in the intensive Academic Success Institute (ASI). Successful completion of ASI will allow for continued enrollment at ASU. Prospective transfer students admitted by exception will be required to participate in the Restart@Astate program.

To be granted admission by exception, prospective first-time student-athletes must satisfy the National Collegiate Athletic Association initial eligibility standards under Division I guidelines and prospective transfer student-athletes must satisfy the National Collegiate Athletic Association transfer eligibility standards under Division I guidelines in order to be eligible to petition for admission via the **Undergraduate Admission Appeals Committee**.

Colleges/Departments desiring to utilize "admission by exception" 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-based scholarships.

In addition, under extraordinary circumstances, prospective students may continue to be granted exceptional admission by the Chancellor as set forth in Article VI of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University.

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