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Undergraduate Admissions Committee

Annual Report 2000-01

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The Undergraduate Admissions Committee (UAC) meets bi-weekly for most of the year (including summer term) to decide whether to admit any potential undergraduate applicant not meeting the stated admission requirements of OSU. Applicants must request this consideration by the UAC and submit all required materials. In addition, the UAC discusses and reviews undergraduate admissions policy changes and makes recommendations to the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and/or the Faculty Senate.

There are 2 tracks for files to reach the committee, a regular petition or an applicant supported by the Educational Opportunities Program (EOP). In both cases, each applicant must submit a written personal statement and at least 3 letters of recommendation in addition to the standard application materials prior to the UAC meeting. Members use this material in making their decisions regarding a regular petition. If an applicant is denied admission, that person has a last opportunity to request a personal interview by the committee. Applications may be deferred to a later meeting if the applicant indicates that he/she is currently enrolled in school and the committee feels that the additional information of final grades will be useful in making the decision. EOP files are read primarily by the A&O admissions officer and the chair of the UAC.

The UAC held **24** regular meetings during the last fiscal year. EOP files were read at **18** meetings. Occasional EOP meetings were held separate from regular UAC meetings. We reviewed **330** files (214 admits and 82 deny and 34 defer). The volume of files continues to be an issue and membership on the committee is demanding because of this. Following is a breakdown summary of actions taken with a comparison from 1999.

EOP

	EOP 2000-2001	EOP 1999-2000
5% Total	166	119
admit	137	95
deny	16	20
defer	12	4

FRESHMAN & TRANSFERS

	2000-2001	1999-2000
TOTAL	164	161
admit	76	81
deny	66	54
defer	22	26

TOTALS

	2000-2001	1999-2000
TOTAL	330	289
admit	214 (*8)	184 (*15)
deny	82 (*7)	75 (*8)
defer	34	30 (*4)

* = personal appearance

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair of the UAC also served on the ad hoc Admissions Criteria Task Force. The admissions "considerations" data which are now being tracked by the committee have been used by the Admissions Criteria Task Force in reviewing the possible use of

non-cognitive variables affecting student success. This information, combined with the tracking of student success of those being admitted by the committee, has been and will continue to inform the Task Force on future admissions considerations. As chair, I would like to recommend that the composition of the committee be reconsidered to allow more members since the volume of files has increased over the past several years. It is also extremely important that members be dedicated to regular attendance, even in the summer months.

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