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Undergraduate Admissions Committee

Annual Report 2003–2004

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The Undergraduate Admissions Committee (UAC) meets bi-weekly or once a month all year to decide whether to admit any potential undergraduate applicant not meeting the stated OSU admission requirements. Applicants must request this consideration by the UAC and submit all required materials.

Applicants requesting review by the UAC must submit a written personal statement and at least three letters of recommendation in addition to the standard application materials already on file to the UAC prior to the advertised UAC meeting. The Admissions Office collects the materials and presents these files to the UAC. Committee members use this information, as well as knowledge of support organizations on campus such as the Educational Opportunities Program (EOP), the Academic Success Center and the office of Students with Disabilities Services to make an informed decision on the applicant's ability to become a successful student. Applicants denied admission by the UAC during this first round of appeals, still have the opportunity to make a personal appeal to the UAC and are informed of this option by the Office of Admissions. If an applicant's personal appeal is denied, there is no other appeal option available and the student is denied admission to Oregon State.

A student file may be deferred by the committee for more information such as final term grades, or a specific grade in a core course. Deferred files do not need to be returned to the committee, unless specifically requested, if the student meets the minimum requirements set by the UAC.

The UAC held 26 meetings during the past academic year. A total of 208 files were reviewed. Of these, 98 were admitted, 37 deferred and 73 denied. There were 23 personal appeals. Of these, 8 were admitted, 2 deferred and 13 denied. The UAC went through significant changes in procedure this year and met several times to discuss the best way to refer students to services on campus which might prove essential to their success as a student. The committee is now better informed of available resources and is able to make suggestions to prospective students that may provide need academic assistance.

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