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Undergraduate Admissions Committee

Annual Report of the Undergraduate Admissions Committee 2005-06

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Committee members: Linda Bruslind, Tom Hill, Patrick McNamara, Cheryl Middleton/Jeanne Davidson (switched mid-year), Barbara Dowling, Richard Halse, Roy Rathja, Oscar Montemayor, Rosemary Garagnani (ex officio, Admissions)

The Undergraduate Admissions Committee (UAC) meets bi-weekly 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 22 meetings during the past academic year. A total of 196 files were reviewed. Of these, 57 were admitted, 32 were deferred, and 107 were denied. There were 11 personal appearances. Of these, 5 were admitted, 1 was deferred, and 5 were denied. (See attached [chart](#).)

The letter sent to potential undergraduate applicants was revised, in an attempt to elicit information that would more accurately assist UAC members in making an informed decision on the applicant's ability to become a successful student at OSU. The corresponding website was updated as well. Training materials for new UAC members were updated and were in the process of undergoing revision. During the year, various representatives from the campus support organizations were invited to come and speak with the UAC, so that members would be better informed of what each organization could offer to incoming students.

Representatives from EOP, CAMP, and SSD met with the committee. In addition, Alex Gitelman from Statistics met with the UAC to describe initial data from the insight resume process.

Recommendations:

- Continual revision of the letter sent to potential undergraduate applicants, to ensure that it remains applicable and appropriate.
- UAC members are still requesting establishment of long term tracking of applicants admitted by the committee, so UAC members can visualize trends and predictors for success.
- Determine whether or not it would be appropriate for UAC members to be trained to interpret the insight resumes that accompany the file of each applicant.
- Determine the best way for the UAC to utilize the information from the insight resume to determine the

possibility of an applicant's potential for success at OSU.

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