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Undergraduate Admissions Committee

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Submitted by: Kris Winter, Chair

Committee members:

Kris Winter '11, Chair	New Student Programs & Family Outreach
Tracy Bentley-Townlin '10	Disability Access Services
Ann Larson (v. Huso) '10	English Language Institute
Nicole von Germeten '10	History
Rebekah Lancelin '10	University Honors College
Donna Shaw '11	English Language Institute
Valery King '11	University Libraries
Sue Helback '12	Teacher/Counselor Education
Clay Torset '12	College of Forestry
John Ruben '12	Zoology

Ex-Officio: Admissions (Mickey Reynolds)

Student Member: Yesenia Garcia

The Role of the UAC

The Undergraduate Admissions Committee (UAC) meets bi-weekly all year to decide whether to admit potential undergraduate applicants who do not meet the stated OSU admission requirements. An applicant must request this consideration by the UAC and submit all required materials prior to a review of his/her file by the committee.

Applicants requesting review by the UAC must submit a written personal statement and at least two letters of recommendation from academic sources. The Admissions Office collects these materials, adds them to the applicant's admissions file, and then presents the completed file to the UAC. Committee members use this information, as well as knowledge of support organizations on campus such as the Educational Opportunities Program, the Academic Success Center, and the office of Disability Access Services, to make an informed decision on the applicant's ability to become a successful student at OSU.

In addition to admitting or denying admission to an applicant, the UAC may defer for more information, such as final semester grades, SAT scores, and further documentation of a learning disability. Deferred files do not have to be returned to the committee, unless specifically requested, if the student meets the minimum requirements set by the UAC.

During spring term 2007 the Insight Resume scores were added to the applicants' files as another piece of information to use in deciding whether to admit, deny, or defer appeals. This practice was continued for AY 2009-2010. As Insight Resumes are not a criteria for Admission, but rather part of a student's file, the Insight Resumes are used by UAC as just one part in the whole file to aid in the committee's decision-making process.

Committee Activities during 2009-2010

The UAC is scheduled to meet twice a month throughout the year; however, if there are no files to review, meetings are cancelled. The UAC held 22 meetings (including 1 special session) over the past year. During fall meetings, we had different representatives from resource areas on campus (Admissions, September Scholars, etc.) come and present to the committee about support services available for students who were admitted. The committee reviewed statistics provided by Admissions regarding the academic standing of

students admitted by UAC at the beginning of the year. That being said, the obvious focus for the committee is to review student files at meetings.

The committee reviewed 161 files this year (-22 from last year). Of reviews, 95 students were admitted, 14 students were deferred, and 52 students were denied. Five international student files were reviewed by the UAC. Of deferred files, 6 were later admitted, 7 were later denied, and 1 student file is still pending.

Additionally, on the request of Leslie Burns, Faculty Senate President, the committee chair explored the history of the Special Admit Committee for Athletics and the background/history/relationship this committee has with the UAC.

Recommendations

Recommendations from 2008-2009

- Complete the recommendation for tracking of students admitted by the committee so UAC procedures can be modified to best select those students most likely to succeed at OSU despite not possessing the minimum admission requirements. **A report was reviewed by the committee during Fall term of 2009.**
- Also include in the tracking data the details of the specific admission criteria that admitted students were missing that put their file before committee. Ex. Language, gpa, etc. This past year questions came to the Committee Chair as to whether UAC preferentially overrode specific admission criteria for students. This type of data would directly answer such concerns. **Admissions is tracking this data.**

Recommendations for 2009-2010

- Develop a communications strategy to disseminate out to colleges and departments the role of the UAC as well as process and procedure.
- UAC would like to have an active student representative.

[Details of UAC actions by meeting date.](#)

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