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Undergraduate Admissions Committee

Annual Report 1998-99

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The Undergraduate Admissions Committee (UAC) meets to decide whether to admit any potential undergraduate applicant not meeting the stated admission requirements of OSU and who requests consideration by the UAC. In addition, the UAC serves as the focal point for discussion and review of undergraduate admissions policy changes and to make recommendations to the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and/or the Faculty Senate.

The UAC meets bi-weekly for most of the year. It may meet more frequently depending on the workload. 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, they have 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 21 regular meetings during the last fiscal year. EOP files were read at 19 meetings. Occasional EOP meetings were held separate from regular UAC meetings. Following is a summary of actions taken.

	1998-99	1997-98
<u>EOP</u>		
5% Total:	119	96
5% Admits:	108	71
Total EOP Admitted:	116	72
Deferred:	4	11
Denied:	10	17

FRESHMAN & TRANSFERS

Admitted:	69	53
Deferred:	8	10
Denied:	30	23

TOTALS:

Admitted:	185	129
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Deferred:	12	21
Denied:	40	40

Additionally, the A&O Office can now track success of students admitted through the UAC. The UAC had requested this information as feedback on our decisions to admit. Of 104 students admitted for Fall 1998, 23 of them were on warning after Fall term. While this is a higher percentage than the regularly admitted students (721 total on warning campus-wide), there is a very high percentage of these incoming, academically marginal students who are succeeding after their first term.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

We are continuing to provide feedback regarding PASS requirements for admission. The UAC will remain involved in areas of PASS related to admission. The Chair of the UAC also serves on the ad hoc PASS core team for university implementation.

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