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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 up to 2 hours for most of the year, including summer. 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 Admissions and Orientation (A&O) admissions officer and the chair of the UAC. These petitioners also have the option of a personal interview by the full committee if they are denied admission.

During the past year, the committee has worked with the A&O office to adjust the wording regarding petition requirements on letters going out to applicants who are denied admission on regular criteria. We have also provided our advice on the tightening of standards for secondary review within the A&O office. This has resulted in an increased workload for the committee since applicants that may have previously qualified did so no longer. For example, previously an applicant with a 2.50 high school GPA with a high enough SAT/ACT score and meeting subject requirements would have been admissible. The high school GPA criterion was raised to 2.75. Thus the pool of denied admissions now includes those with GPA's between 2.50 and 2.74 of which some portion will petition the UAC for admission.

The UAC held 27 regular meetings during the last fiscal year. Occasional meetings (Chair and A&O personnel only) were held separate from regular UAC meetings to read EOP files (approximately 6 times). While the total numbers are about the same over the past two years, we were much slower during the Fall and Winter terms and really picked up during Spring, going to weekly meetings. Following is a summary of actions taken.

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EOP

5% Total:	119		119	
5% Admits:		95		108
Total EOP Admitted:	103			116

Deferred:	4		4	
Denied:		21		10

FRESHMAN & TRANSFERS

Admitted:	81		69	
Deferred:		26		8
Denied:			54	30

PERSONAL APPEARANCES (Included in Totals Above) - These are shown here to give you an idea of the number of appeals. These are from the pool of petitioners who were first denied (75) by the UAC and chose to request a personal interview.

Admitted:	15 (2)*
Deferred:	4
Denied:	8 (1)

TOTALS:

Admitted:	184 (4)		185	
Deferred:		30		12
Denied:			75 (5)	40

* number in parentheses are international student petitions.

For the most part, those that were deferred were done so with specific criteria the applicant must achieve to be admitted. For example, if they tell us in their letter that they expect to get above a 3.0 for their 8th semester, we may set a 3.0 GPA requirement whereby the A&O office can admit them without bringing the file back to the committee. Those generally do not come back to the committee so the final disposition is unknown.

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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