

Undergraduate Admissions Committee

Annual Report, 2022-2023, Submitted by Chapel Cowden, Committee Chair

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Summary

The purpose of the Undergraduate Admissions Committee (UAC) is to review and vote on undergraduate petitions for admission to the university. Due to the nature of this work, the committee reviews petitions throughout the academic year and also during the summer months. This means that the committee report submitted is incomplete and will not reflect the final number of petitions examined but is a representative sample of the rest of the academic year.

The committee does not meet in person but submits votes online to the committee chair. This year's committee began with an introductory email from the chair outlining the responsibilities of the committee and the considerations required to evaluate petitions. Each month where petitions were available, the chair forwarded all petitions to the committee for votes. All questions, clarifications, and requests for additional information took place via email.

In addition to reviewing petitions the committee chair fielded questions from non-committee staff and faculty related to individual petitions, test scores, and more. While the committee voted in the previous academic year to eliminate the entrance exam requirement, another higher entity opted to keep the

exam requirement in place. Though not quantitatively confirmed, it appears that the committee is seeing higher numbers of petitions due to the reinstatement of the entrance exams.

Petitions

The committee examined 40 petitions between November 2022 and April 2023 with many more expected before the end of summer. The committee approved 28 petitions for admission and denied 12 for admission.