

## **COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS & PRIZES 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

**TO: The Representative Assembly of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate**

For the 2016-2017 academic year, 86,072 students applied for undergraduate admission: 17,552 new transfers and 68,520 new freshmen. The Committee does not evaluate all freshmen and transfer applicants to the University. Only eligible EOP freshmen are read by the Committee; those not read by the Committee were evaluated on the basis of their grades and test scores alone. Transfer applicants must have submitted a letter of recommendation in order to be evaluated by the Committee; those who did not submit the letter of recommendation are considered for undergraduate scholarships, but are not eligible for bonus points through the review.

The Committee, which is comprised of members representing all of the colleges, first met on November 9, 2015 during the Fall Quarter to organize for the year. At this meeting, committee members reviewed the 2014-2015 Annual Report and the calendar for 2015-2016. They also discussed committee expectations and workload. Another Winter Quarter meeting was held on January 21, 2016 to discuss the reading procedures for application evaluation. Shortly thereafter, the Committee began receiving and reviewing 2016-2017 scholarship applications. In order to be considered, all applicants had to have a minimum 3.25 GPA. The Committee evaluated all complete continuing student applications (1475); they evaluated the eligible transfer student applications from those who submitted a letter of recommendation (540) and eligible freshmen EOP applications (931). All applications were read twice, and scores were entered by mid March 2016.

A total of 2946 applications needed to be evaluated for the 2016-2017 scholarship award year. Because each application is to be reviewed by at least two Committee members, 5892 reads needed to be completed within a six week period. This year we had 21 members, not including the Chair. If all 21 members, read equal amounts of applications, they would each need to review about 281 files; this equates to about 47 hours of work, given a 7 – 10 minute/file reading rate. Unfortunately, not all 21 members read their quota, leaving an undue burden on others. This cycle, all members were active; however, there were two members that read less than 106 applications. Two thirds of the members read 300 or more applications this cycle. Of those, one read 374 and the other 349. More participation will be needed as application numbers increase.

The University Medalist Sub-Committee reviewed the nomination packets of and interviewed four finalists on April 27, 2016. The group decided upon, Lucydalila Cedillo, Animal Science major from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences as the 2015-2016 University Medal recipient.

The Committee did meet again on May 5, 2016 to review the year's activities and make recommendations for any needed changes.

Statistics for the eligible applicants for 2016-2017 and the 2015-2016 recipient and award process are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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