



MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Committee of Faculty Council

From: Professor Jason Anderson
Chair, Admissions Committee

Date: September 13, 2013 for October 18, 2013 Faculty Council Meeting

Re: 2013 Admissions Cycle

REPORT CLASSIFICATION

This is a routine or minor policy matter that will be considered by the Executive Committee for approving and forwarding to Faculty Council for information.

2013 ADMISSIONS CYCLE

The admissions cycle for 2013 was record setting. For the first time in the history of the Faculty, over 10,000 applicants, from 107 countries, applied for admission. This is a ~10% increase in applicants over last year and nearly a 40% increase in applicants since 2008. We anticipate that the incoming class will be slightly below target as of the official government count date on November 1st. Please note that these statistics are unofficial and that official statistics will be available after the government count date.

Over the past year, focus has been placed on making the admissions process more efficient and enhancing our yield management capabilities to reduce the likelihood of exceeding our prescribed target. Efforts in this area will continue.

The labour action being taken by Visa Processing Officers at Canadian Embassies appears to have had a minimal impact on our registration numbers. This is largely due to most offers of admission for international applicants being made before June, allowing students ample time to apply for a visa.

We are also pleased to report that the Faculty admitted five students as part of the MasterCard Foundation Scholarship program announced by President Naylor earlier this year. This represents 50% of the program intake for UofT this year. This program provides a full scholarship, including living expenses and extensive support, to well-qualified students from economically disadvantaged communities in Africa.

This year the President's Scholars of Excellence Program was introduced. The goal of this program was to increase the yield for high-achieving students with an average of 96%+. The award provides a UofT scholarship valued at \$5000, a guaranteed work-study position in the second year of studies and guaranteed access to an international exchange opportunity. The Faculty enhanced this offer by providing a \$5000 scholarship in second year, provided certain conditions are met in first year. In addition, we offered a faculty mentor, an online summer research experience and an invitation to innovation camp at the end of first year. The Faculty was allocated 10 of these awards and we are pleased to report that we have 10 accepted students who will receive this award. The yield on these offers was ~10% higher than students with an average of 96%+ who were not offered the award. The program is currently being reviewed both by the institution and the faculty so improvements can be made for next year.

PROPOSAL/MOTION

For information.