

Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admissions 2021-2022

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The committee met officially once in Fall 2021, preceded and followed by a series of meetings and consultations with James Tweed regarding three issues:

1. Applications from students with felonies: The committee urged Admissions to consider differences among felonies in admission processes and to inquire about ways in which the common application discourages applicants with felonies from applying.
2. Applications from undocumented students: The committee asked Admissions to create a landing page for undocumented students to allay concerns that the common application discourages undocumented students from applying by asking about citizenship status. Also, the committee requested that processes of financial aid for undocumented students be clarified.
3. Efforts to position RIC so that its admission requirements are not more difficult than those of comparable school. Three areas:
 - a. TOEFL scores at RIC are higher than comparable schools.
 - b. 2 years of second-language requirement for admission to RIC is more than at other comparable schools.
 - c. Standardized test requirements vary across the college.

All of these suggested changes need to be connected with outcome data before a decision can be made. If Admissions went forward with these suggested changes, they would present a policy proposal to the committee which, if accepted, would be passed on to Council for review. No official policies were submitted in Spring 2022.

The agenda for next year is to follow-up on efforts to create institutional initiatives to encourage and support undocumented students in the admissions process as well as some students with felony records. Additionally, the committee will consider any Admissions proposals referred to it regarding the three areas discussed above.