

Committee: Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admissions (UGAP)

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Include the following information in your annual report:

1. Members of the committee (including name of the chair)

Alie Drew, Anthony Galvez, Robyn Linde (chair), Coral Maack, Maria Muccio-Raposo, Medini Padmanabhan, Julie Urda

2. Meeting dates:

Formal meetings: October 27, 2023; March 22, 2023
Other subcommittees and informal meetings

3. Summary of committee activities (Please also include relevant minutes in an attachment)

Our committee activities this year centered around five primary foci:

- a. Undocumented students: The committee would like to see a landing page specifically for undocumented students. The site is still in process, however, Admissions has streamlined information for these students and implemented standard operating procedures when they apply. The committee would like to see more information for students who are concerned about their status prior to applying.
- b. Applicants with felonies: According to Admissions, the Common Application is no longer asking about felonies. A committee has been formed to address these applicants individually. The UGAP committee has requested that a faculty member with knowledge of criminal justice be invited to serve on the committee. Some names suggested were Jill Harrison, Carse Ramos, and Mary Archibald. Chair approached Mary Archibald who was enthusiastic about joining the committee. Her name was forwarded to Admissions. Admissions is considering doing away with the inquiry altogether and only requiring committee consideration in an application for housing.
- c. Voter registration requirement with admission materials: The committee requested that Admissions include voter registration information with their materials per RI law. Admissions consulted URI colleagues and adopted their language. They are working to update the RIC site and are seeking a better way to present the information to current, accepted students
- d. Troubleshooting: Several concerns have been raised over the course of the year that have been appropriately addressed by Admissions via our committee, including issues with CCRI transfer credits, financial aid holds, and extended admissions deadlines. These were addressed in informal or subcommittee meetings.

e. Foreign language requirement: Admissions would like to end the foreign language requirement to remain competitive with similar institutions. Our committee requested a formal proposal and advised Admissions to consult COGE because a decision on foreign language requirements was also being considered by that committee.

4. Decisions approved and actions taken (including proposals approved by Council)

No formal proposals received.

5. Recommendations for next year's committee

Next year's committee should follow up on foreign language requirements, policy on students with felonies, and a landing page for undocumented applicants.

6. Self-evaluation

For the Spring meeting, I made an informal request in the faculty Facebook group for issues to bring to Admissions and the committee. I think this was fruitful and I would like to do it in future semesters. I would like to find an avenue outside of Facebook to accomplish this and suggest that I work through Council going forward.

Please submit your report to Valerie Endress (vendress@ric.edu) by April 25, 2023.