

Faculty Senate Committee on Admission & Financial Aid
University Admission Council (UAC)
2025 – 2026

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Senate Charge for 2025-2026

- Monitor the competitiveness of financial aid packages compared to R1 private and ACC institutions for all socio-economic segments, especially the most underprivileged students.
- Evaluate current processes for recruitment, scholarship support and retention initiatives to increase the racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of the student body, both among transfer and non-transfer students to ensure greater representation of Pell eligible students in matriculating cohort.
- Evaluate any ethnic, racial and socioeconomic disparities in the updating of financial aid packages from year to year as students' progress toward graduation,
- Evaluate the effect of federal executive orders on applications and enrollment and on the racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and international diversity of the student body.

Scheduled UAC Meetings (1st Tuesday's)

- ☐ Tuesday, October 7, 2025
- ☐ Tuesday, November 4, 2025
- ☐ Tuesday, February 3, 2026
- ☐ Tuesday, March 3, 2026
- ☐ Tuesday, April 7, 2026