

Working Across the Table

Roundtable Transition Committee

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■ Norms

- Honesty
- Generosity
- Speak audibly



1. Present Issues
from Admissions
side & High School
side
2. Use YOU to come
up with solutions



■ What we wish you knew

Discussing what Admissions Officers and HS Counselors wish one another knew about their jobs. We will come up with solutions to common issues (mostly regarding communication).

■ Know when to stop

College: Don't make your college fair drag on if there are no students or parents left

-8:30 is TOO late for a college fair or any meeting

■ Know when to stop

High School: Stop encouraging students who don't really have a chance

Kids don't understand marketing team
VS admission

Stop contacting kids who are no longer interested

■ Communication

Admissions: Be receptive to conversations/calls about applicants we need more info for

■ Communication

High School: Be more transparent with counselors -specifics about GPA/Testing for majors?

Don't encourage kids/accept kids who will not succeed

■ Streamlining

Admissions: Provide transcript clarity when students have transferred to your institution from other schools

■ Streamlining

High School: Your college requires too many systems

-Don't expect students to keep logins/passwords you give them on acceptance letters

■ Admissions Visits/Trips

Admissions: Don't leave me in a room alone with a bunch of uninterested students

Help us schedule the visit

■ Admissions Visits/Trips

High School: Give more specific info, be realistic with students

■ Dialogue

Admissions: Let's have more meaningful interactions when I visit

■ Dialogue

High School: Work more directly with us!

- CC us on emails to students and parents
- Keep us in the loop
- Is there a problem? Let us know ASAP!

■ Application Materials

College: Personalize recommendations

- Don't give us basic, generic template
- We want info that we can't get from transcript and test score

■ Application Materials

High School: Let teachers and counselors complete forms instead of letters -allow both!

-Give up an update on admissions status of apps and what is outstanding (twice a year)

■ Application Materials

College: Don't make kids submit OPTIONAL materials if the materials won't help them

■ Application Materials

High School: Make fee waivers easier to use

- Codes? NACAC form? It is too confusing!

- When you make the counselor call or email something to you for every kid, it is overwhelming

■ Reputation

College: Take time to learn about my institution before discussing us with kids and parents

We've changed!

FINANCIAL AID

High school: Make fin aid letters easier to read

- Don't count WS in total calculation

- Don't add Pgh Prom to fin aid letter

- Email letters and send them in the mail

- Send verification forms in email as attachments

- First gen students: identify someone to walk thru verification with them

■ Email us! Talk to us!

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