

Committee on Admission and Financial Aid
Minutes - November 12, 2007

Present: Seth Allen, Sig Barber, Nabila Mirza '11, Vida Praitis, Jacob Sagrans '09, Jim Swartz, Colin Thompson '09, Eliza Willis, and Arnold Woods
Absent: Tom Crady, Bob Grey

2007 vs. 2008 Application Numbers

Of particular interest was the Early Decision program. Key discussion points were:

- a. Admission will encourage more students to consider applying ED
- b. allows more ability/flexibility to shape the class
- c. would need to work to ensure a diverse ED applicant pool
- d. would potentially make Grinnell more selective
- e. Is there data to support a lower attrition rate among ED matriculants?

Defining the Grinnell College story for Admission presentations

A guide for the discussion was distributed, focusing on "Elements of Distinction" and "Characteristics."

Elements of Distinction:

- a. Intensive mentoring
- b. Active experience
- c. Connected globally
- d. Culture of student responsibility

Characteristics:

- a. Historical sense of spirit
- b. Community – belong here and to one another
- c. Confidence to think differently – think outside the box
- d. Students who choose Grinnell don't conform to societal demands
- e. intellectual sophistication

Committee members should send additional thoughts to Allen.

Respectfully submitted, C. Newport