

# 2019-20 Preview of Topics

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# Freshman Admissions: May Meeting Follow-Up

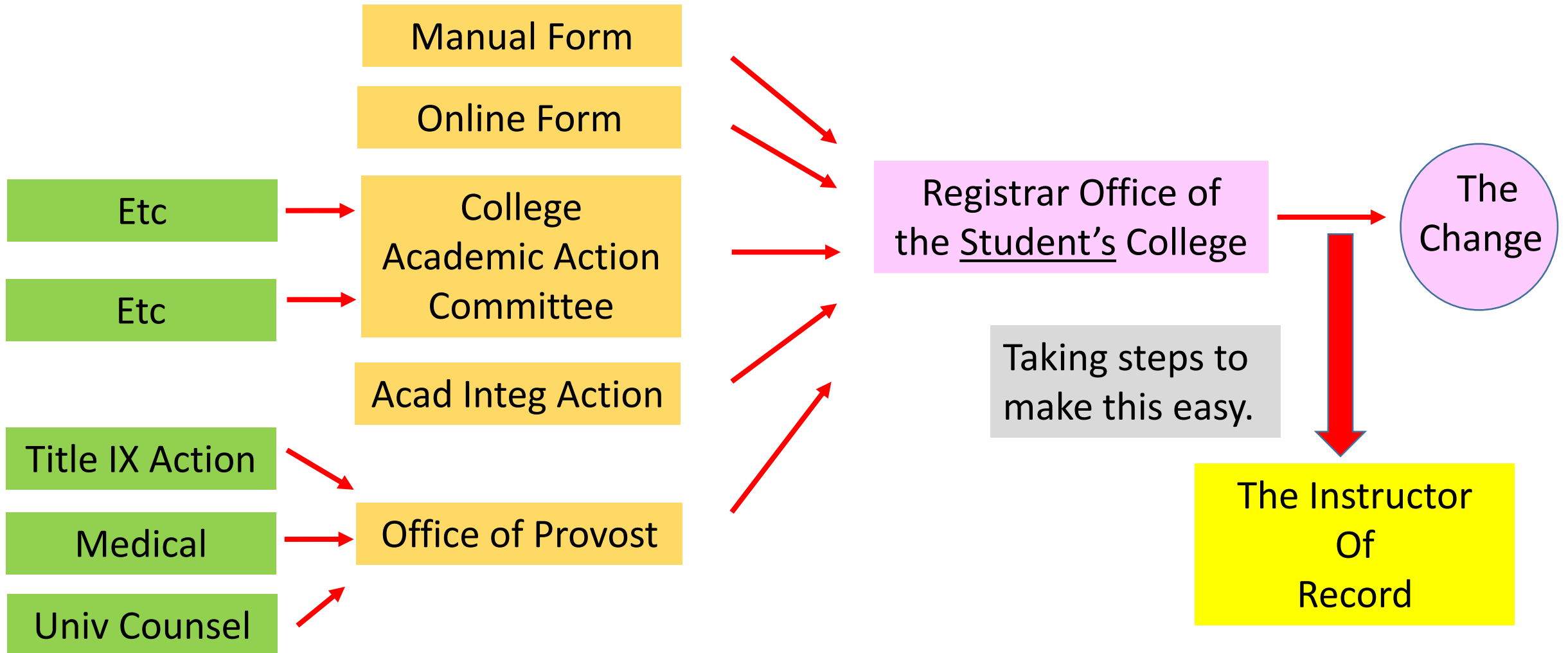
How should Faculty interact with the freshman admissions Process?

Should we have a committee analogous to the Financial Policy Committee? E.g., a committee made up of trusted faculty who have broad access to information that is otherwise confidential regarding admissions practices.

This committee could produce an annual report on admissions that brought a faculty perspective to the process, and would help set admissions policies and aspirational goals going forward.

Upcoming: Vice Provost for Enrollment Jonathan Burdick + UFC + FPC

# Grade Change Resolution: Follow-Up



# Student Accommodations

We have [pending legislation](#) and we'll vote on it in October.

Currently, the Faculty Handbook has a section on religious observance accommodations and a section on absences that that relate to varsity athletics, job interviews, family emergencies, medical emergencies, and extracurricular activities.

If approved the resolution will authorize the replacement of these passages with this single, unified treatment that addresses a broader range of student accommodations.

# Note on Handling Absences

The waiving of class attendance policies due to outside events such as the [Sept 20 Climate Strike](#) is up to the individual instructor.

When reasoning about making exceptions to your attendance policy you might want to take into account

(a) the educational value of the outside event, and

(b) the fairness issue.

# Ad Hoc Committee on RTE Issues

Agenda as detailed on the [Committee Website](#):

1. Bring “title clarity” to existing university-level policies as needed.
2. Improve current title descriptions and assess the adequacy of the current line-up.
3. Provide checklists to guide decision-making that affects the RTE faculty.
4. Provide guidelines for RTE retirement and emeritus/a status.
5. Address matters that have long-term importance.

Expect a sequence of recommendations that will require Senate action.

# Major Revision of the Campus Code

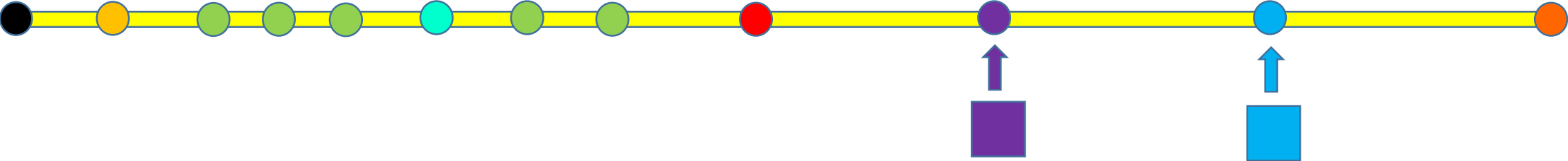
This is the business of the University Assembly.

You can track what is going on [here](#).

There are specific issues that directly concern faculty, e.g., free speech provisions, whether the code should apply to faculty, etc.

Expect discussions in the Senate.

# Review of Tenure-Related Processes



- Recruitment
- Orientation
- Annual Review
- Department Three-Year Review
- Department Review
- College & Ad Hoc Committee Review
- Provost & FACTA Review
- Trustee Approval

The Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Status of the Faculty in collaboration with the Provost Office is producing a set of recommendations and best practices for Senate discussion and possible inclusion in the Faculty Handbook.



# Other Things Headed Our Way

Web Accessibility

Streamlining Senate Committees

Organization of the Social Sciences

Learn-Where-You-Live Course Approval Process

# New Associate Dean: Professor Neema Kudva!

Department of City and Regional Planning

Carl Becker House Dean

Nilgiris Field Learning Center

Atkinson Center for Sustainable Future

South Asia Program

