

# RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

## RESPONSE TO POSITION PAPER

The attitude of the Administration towards the position paper is to approve the efforts made to produce that popular agreement, and to lean towards acceptance of the various requests wherever possible. The following responses follow exactly the order of the position paper.

1. We will authorize the following number of scholarships for minority youths as the position paper defines them:

Fall 1970	-	37
Fall 1971	-	54
Fall 1972	-	71
Fall 1973	-	71

The above figures represent the maximum number of minority scholarships available to all classes as of the opening of each school year.

Of these scholarships, 10 will be reserved for Rhode Island students. In the event that competitively qualified students cannot be located and accepted by the Admissions Committee, then these scholarships will be awarded to minority students in New England.

A. As has been our policy in the past, all scholarships will be increased in proportion to increases in tuition plus board and room.

B. With the incoming Freshman class, for Fall 1970, all scholarship students have been provided aid up to total need. For those students now in school see 1-C below.

Our policy will be to grant incoming scholarship Freshman an amount equal to their need in grants alone during their first semester and in grants, and possibly some college work-study funds in their second semester. At the end of the Freshman year, a package of grants, CWS and loans will be worked out with each student depending on his situation which will not be changed during the balance of his career here unless the family income changes.

We are in agreement with the proposals made concerning Admissions Policies, and the Admission Committee will work out the details.

C. Our policy has been to continue aid for the upper classes at the level established by the P.C.S., only for those in the upper 1/2 of the class. Those in the lower half ordinarily do not get financial aid. This policy is being phased out, and replaced by our new policy as per 1-B above.



To revise this policy for those now in school, and to restore full financial aid to all upper classmen in the lower 1/2 of each class would cost in excess of \$140,000. If it were to be authorized, it must mean a reduction in the number of incoming new students who have financial needs. The figure is far larger than we realized for the sch-ol year 1970-71.

This situation represents the major problem in the position paper. The problem arises because of the reasonable proposal to change the previous policy which change was already agreed to last fall. However, those students accepted prior to the new policy, came in, and are here under the old policy of a combination of need and academic performance. We are attempting to help those in the lower-half of each upper class by the application of CWS funds, and insofar as other school-related jobs are available. But, the total required is so large that the job opportunities do not cover all requirements.

2. Agreed

3. Agreed. We are incorporating information as specific as possible in our new Admissions Bulletin which we will be mailing to a large number of schools as soon as printed. Copy is now approved.

4. No "New" money is available unless removed from some other area. However:-

- a. No new faculty will be hired by any department until a statement is submitted that all efforts to locate qualified minority faculty have failed, and that no minority person can be found to fill the vacancy.
- b. We are allocating now an emergency fund of \$40,000 to cover:-
  1. Transfer students in summer school
  2. " " in 2nd semester
  3. Emergencies
- c. See "a" above. The Instruction Committee is reviewing the necessity and the means of implementing this position point.
- d. There is no position vacant in the Admissions Department. However, in the event that a vacancy occurs, the policy as announced in "a" above will obtain. The Administration has no objection to Mr. Torres teaching sculpture, but this is a function of the Sculpture Department to decide. Mr. Torres should continue with his participation in the Admissions department, and if he teaches, the time will have to come out of his availability for work in the Dean of Students office.
- e. This is present policy.



5. The Liberal Arts faculty is being asked to consider this request within their present budget. The policy statement in 4-a will obtain.

6. Agreed as operated in the last two years.

7. A College Work Study Committee as proposed will be formed.

The request to receive a financial statement of Hillside Realty will be passed on to the trustee, Bayard Ewing, when he returns from Europe on May 17th.

Hillside Realty receives its financing from The Rayon Foundation Trust. It also borrows against its assets. It has confined its real estate purchases to the vicinity of the school against our possible use of land and buildings. The income from the trust goes entirely to the school, and its assets all revert to us.

Hillside Realty is not incorporated, and therefore, is not required to file papers with the state. It pays taxes on its real property, but as a non-profit trust, pays no income taxes. This is of benefit to us as recipients of its income from its various investments.

The proposal of a panel to discuss the Museum position is agreed to.

8. This item already in the Budget 1970-71 and has been for two weeks.

The Antioch plan will be restudied. A committee of Students, Faculty and Administration will be formed to do so. The discussions will be in terms of the session for summer 1971.

9. The Extension School Committee has considered this before. That committee will be enlarged to permit 3 students to serve on it. The eventual proposal must receive a favorable faculty reaction if it is to award credits for evening school courses.

10. It shall be done.

Talbot Rantoul  
President

May 1, 1970