

The Blanket Tax Committee formally recommends the Student Association Senate vote to dissolve Rice Video Production's blanket tax status based on their written request for their blanket tax status to be dissolved as well as section X.A.4.C of the SA Constitution which lays out the criteria for Blanket Tax status. The primary rationale behind this recommendation is that RVP's leadership requested their Blanket Tax status be dissolved. Furthermore, section X.A.4.c.i. of the SA Constitution states "The organization's mission and purpose serves the interests of the student body and the Rice University community in general" and section X.A.4.c.ii. which states "The requested funds would contribute to the organization's mission, purpose, and goals".

Regarding section X.A.4.c.i. the blanket tax committee maintains that Rice Video Productions current output (three videos thus far this academic year) of content is not sufficient to meet the standards expected of a blanket tax organization that serves the Rice University community. With regard to section X.A.4.c.ii. after discussions with Kelley Lash, RVP's staff advisor, we have concluded that Blanket Tax funds are not being utilized to the standard expected of subsidiary organizations. This has been an ongoing issue for more than a year with RVP, which was the reason for the recommendation last year that they be placed on the ballot for the Student Association as a whole to dissolve their Blanket Tax status. For example, in the fiscal year 2015-2016 RVP used less than 40% of their total Blanket Tax allotment while all other organizations used at least 64%. While we appreciate the efforts of RVP and its members, we believe the organization's mission and purpose would best be fulfilled as a registered student club, not as a subsidiary organization. In addition, we'd like to thank RVP for taking initiative in this process and making it as smooth as possible.