

**To:** The University Senate

**From:** Student Affairs Committee  
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

**Subject:** SAT/ACT and Undergraduate Admissions

**Reference:**

- [Purdue Freshman Admission Criteria](#)
- [Student Aid Policy Analysis Papers: Admissions Tests Discriminate against College Admission of Minority and Low-Income Students at Selective Colleges](#) (Mark Kantrowitz, 21 May 2021)
- [“UC slams the door on standardized admissions tests, nixing any SAT alternative”](#) (Teresa Watanabe, *LA Times* 18 November 2021)
- [“Washington’s public universities will no longer require the SAT or ACT. Will admissions become more equitable?”](#) (Hannah Furfaro, *Seattle Times* 20 May 2021)

**Disposition:** University Senate for Discussion and Adoption

**Rationale:** An increasing number of colleges and universities no longer require submission of SAT or ACT scores by undergraduate applicants, because performance on ACT and SAT tests has substantial limitations as an independent predictor of academic success in college, and applicants who are economically advantaged have disproportionate access to standardized-test preparation resources. During the current pandemic there have been difficulties in registering for and taking standardized tests, and the obstacles more often affect applicants who are members of underrepresented minorities or are socioeconomically disadvantaged. In addition, current students will benefit from experiences with a diverse population of incoming students.

**Proposal:** Elimination of standardized test requirement for undergraduate admissions.

The University Senate strongly urges the Purdue University Office of Admissions to discontinue requiring standardized test results as criteria for admission to the undergraduate program at Purdue University—West Lafayette beginning December 2023.

Furthermore, the University Senate strongly urges the Purdue University Office of Admissions not to consider performance on standardized tests as criteria for admission to the undergraduate program at Purdue University—West Lafayette beginning December 2023.

**Student Affairs Committee Votes:**

**For:**

**Faculty**

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David Sanders  
Dennis Savaiano  
Steven Scott  
Jane Yacilla

**Students**

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Lili Ferguson  
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**Advisors**

Melanie Morgan

**Against:**

**Faculty**

Alex Kildishev  
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**Abstained:**

**Advisors**

Beth McCuskey

**Absent:**

**Faculty**

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Felicia Roberts  
Mark Rochat  
Henry Zhang

**Advisors**

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**Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Votes:**

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Ximena Bernal  
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Brad Kim  
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