

TO: The University Senate
FROM: Student Affairs and Educational Policy Committees
SUBJECT: SAT/ACT and Undergraduate Admissions
DISPOSITION: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption
REFERENCE: Freshman Admission Criteria:
<https://www.admissions.purdue.edu/apply/criteriafreshmen.php>
PROPOSAL: Elimination of standardized testing for undergraduate admissions
RATIONALE: Many 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. In addition, current students will benefit from experiences with a diverse population of incoming students.

PROPOSED ACTION:

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.

Student Affairs Committee Votes

For:

Joshua David
Mathew Dittman
Paul Robinson
David Sanders
Jane Yacilla

Against:

Abstain:

Thomas Atkinson
Heather Beasley
Beth McCuskey

Education Policy Committee Votes

For:

Fred Berry
Hossein EbrahimiNejad
Christine Erickson
Ayhan Irfanoglu
Greg Michalski

Against:

Li Qiao
Frank Dooley
Keith Gehres

Abstain:

Jeff Stefancic

Undecided and would like the proposed action to be discussed at a Senate meeting:

Donna Ferullo, Julius Keller, Nan Kong, Eric Kvam, Stephen Martin, Grace Rich Libby Richards, Hannah Walter, Andy Freed