

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.

The University Senate requests that the Purdue University Office of Admissions provide a report to the University Senate (by September 2022) on the use of SAT/ACT scores and all admissions metrics in admission, on the predictive power of SAT/ACT, HS GPA scores, and all admissions metrics for academic success and retention at Purdue University, under particular consideration of data of the admission cycle 2020 and 2021 where SAT/ACT were optional, as well as an analysis of potential connections between socioeconomic and minority status and SAT/ACT criteria and all admissions metrics in admissions at Purdue University. Said report shall form the basis for future decision-making processes on the use of SAT/ACT scores and all admissions metrics at Purdue University in admissions and placement.

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