

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate
FROM: Steven A. Hanke, Chair of the Education Policy Committee
DATE: 4/8/2021
SUBJ: Proposed Elimination of Standardized Test Scores as Requirement for Admission to PFW

WHEREAS, the availability of testing locations has been significantly reduced during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, standardized test scores have been shown to not be correlated with long-term retention at PFW. High school GPA is a much stronger predictor of student success; and

WHEREAS, local, regional, and national colleges and universities have, or are in the process of, removing standardized test scores for admission requirements and

WHEREAS, questions continue to exist regarding racial and/or cultural biases within the tests; and

WHEREAS, Indiana has moved to requiring the PSAT for all high school students; and

WHEREAS, States are creating legislative barriers to the resale of student information that was historically used to recruit prospects.

BE IT RESOLVED, that ACT and SAT scores will no longer be required for undergraduate admissions decisions through at least Fall 2022; however, applicants may choose to submit their scores if desired.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University Senate requests that academic units actively communicate with their respective Colleges to design and provide detailed individualized criteria for applicant admissions, including their degree of priority placed on standardized test results.