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March 20, 2020

Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Chair, Academic Council
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RE: (Systemwide Senate Review) Proposal: BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the ACT/SAT Essay Requirement

Dear Kum-Kum,

The UCR Division has reviewed the proposed BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the ACT/SAT Essay Requirement.

Executive Council discussed the responses of the standing committees at its regular meeting on March 9, 2020 and preferred to refrain from adding further comment. The responding committees either support the proposal or did not wish to express an opinion. A substantive comment was submitted by the Executive Committee of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, which stressed that preparation for the exam places a disproportionate burden on historically underrepresented and socioeconomically vulnerable populations. Otherwise, the UCR Division's consultation yielded an almost unanimously supportive response.

Peace
dylan

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dylan Rodríguez".

Dylan Rodríguez
Professor of Media & Cultural Studies and Chair of the Riverside Division

CC: Hilary Baxter, Executive Director of the Academic Senate
Cherysa Cortez, Executive Director of UCR Academic Senate Office



February 26, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Jingsong Zhang, Chair
Committee on Preparatory Education

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Re: BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the SAT and ACT Essay Requirement

The Committee on Preparatory Education reviewed the recommendation for BOARS to eliminate the SAT and ACT Essay Requirement at their February 6, 2020 and February 26, 2020 meetings and do not anticipate the change having an obvious impact on the Entry Level Writing Requirement.



February 27, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Sheldon Tan, Chair 
Committee on Undergraduate Admissions

Re: BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the SAT and ACT Essay Requirement

The Committee on Undergraduate admissions reviewed the recommendation for BOARS to eliminate the SAT and ACT Essay Requirement at their February 21, 2020 meeting and voted to support the recommendation.



March 2, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Louis Santiago, Chair, Executive Committee
College of Natural and Agricultural Science

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Re: Proposal: BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the ACT/SAT Essay
Requirement

The CNAS Executive Committee discussed the Proposal: BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the ACT/SAT Essay Requirement. The committee agreed that because this test has been eliminated from most other school admission criteria, because it is not used very much and possibly not valid, and because it does not reflect skills, that it was a good idea to eliminate its use. The committee noted that cost of preparation for this exam was a burden for underrepresented and disadvantaged groups, and that there are other and likely better options if we still wanted a writing examination.



COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

March 3, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Xuan Liu, Chair
Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Re: Proposal: BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the ACT/SAT Essay Requirement

The Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (CODEI) considered the proposal from the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) and supports the recommendation to eliminate the SAT Essay/ACT Writing Test requirement for undergraduate admission.

TO: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

FR: Richard M. Carpiano, Chair
Executive Committee, School of Public Policy

RE: Requested comments on “Proposal: BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the
ACT/SAT Essay Requirement”

Date: March 3, 2020

The Executive Committee of the School of Public Policy appreciate the efforts of the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) in preparing their proposed recommendation to eliminate the SAT Essay/ACT Writing Test requirement for undergraduate admission. Our committee reviewed this proposal and have no comments to provide.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA 92521-0132

February 27, 2020

TO: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Academic Senate

FROM: Lucille Chia, Chair *Lucille Chia*
CHASS Executive Committee

RE: Proposal: BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the ACT/SAT Essay Requirement

The CHASS Executive Committee discussed the Proposal: BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the ACT/SAT Essay Requirement at the regular meeting on February 26, 2020. There were no objections and our committee approved the proposed recommendation.



March 3, 2020

To: Senate

From: School of Business Executive Committee


Re: [Systemwide Review] Report Review: Proposal: BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the ACT/SAT Essay Requirement: Distributed for Review: 2/5/20

Please let this memo serve as an official notification that the School of Business Executive Committee has no opinion regarding this topic.



March 6, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Stefano Vidussi, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the SAT and ACT Essay Requirement

The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed the recommendation for BOARS to eliminate the SAT and ACT Essay Requirement at their March 6, 2020 meeting and voted to support the recommendation.



School of Medicine
Division of Biomedical Sciences
Riverside, CA, 92521

March 4, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Ph.D., Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division

From: Declan McCole, Ph.D., Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, UCR School of Medicine

Subject: SOM FEC Comments on STTF Report and Recommendations

Dear Dylan,

The School of Medicine Faculty Executive Committee has reviewed the Review of BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the ACT/SAT Essay Requirement at their February 27 meeting. SOM is in favor of eliminating the SAT Essay/ACT Writing test requirement for undergraduate admission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Declan McCole".

Declan F. McCole, Ph.D.
Chair, Faculty Executive Committee
School of Medicine