



March 2, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louis Santiago".

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.