


MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 23, 2011

FROM: Bennie J. Wilson III, College of Business 
Chairperson, Academic Policy & Requirements (AP&R) Committee

THRU: Academic Policy & Requirements (AP&R) Committee
Andrey Chabanov, College of Sciences
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Rolando Quintana, College of Business
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Seok Kang, College of Liberal and Fine Arts

TO: Carola Wenk, College of Sciences
Chairperson, UTSA Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Proposal for Modifications to Previously Approved New UTSA Undergraduate Admissions Criteria

The Committee recommends Faculty Senate approval of the proposed modifications to the recently approved UTSA undergraduate admissions criteria (attached). The voting process and results were:

- 12 – Number of voting-eligible committee members
- 10 - Number of members who voted (excludes chair unless to break tie vote)
- 7 - Quorum required to conduct vote
- 9 – Number voting for the proposal
- 0 - Number voting against the proposal
- 1 - Number abstaining

I certify that these results are accurate.

Attachment



August 11, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Lawrence R. Williams *L.R.W.*
Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

SUBJECT: Proposal for Modifications to Previously Approved New UTSA Admission Criteria

In Spring 2011, the Faculty Senate approved a proposal for a new undergraduate admission policy to be effective Fall 2013. Attached are two proposals for minor modifications to the new admission policy approved by the Faculty Senate in Spring 2011.

One of the modifications is a request to increase from 1000 to 1050 the minimum SAT score required for guaranteed admission for freshmen who are ranked in the second quartile of their high school classes, and to increase the corresponding ACT score from 21 to 23. The second modification is a request to apply the transfer admission criteria to those transfer students who have earned at least 30 hours of credit instead of 24 hours of credit as found in the previously approved proposal. Transfer students who have earned fewer than 30 hours of credit will be called "freshman transfers" and will be required meet the requirements for guaranteed admission for freshmen.

Please review and consider for approval these minor modifications to the originally approved new undergraduate admission criteria.

Thank you very much.

xc: Dr. George E. Norton

Freshman Admission Criteria Proposal to Faculty Senate
The University of Texas at San Antonio
Revised: 8-11-2011

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Faculty Senate (FS) approved, during spring semester 2011, new freshman admission criteria that would be sent forward for UT System Board of Regents approval. Further consideration has indicated that the policy should send a stronger message of raised standards at UTSA than does the FS-approved policy. This message would be improved by raising further the SAT/ACT requirement for guaranteed admission of freshman applicants ranked in the second quartile of the high school class from the FS-approved level of 1000/21 to 1050/23, respectively.

The proposed changes to the FS-approved policy are noted in congressional style below. This policy is aligned with all major institutional planning documents and UTSA's Mission Statement.

Proposed Changes to FS-Approved Fall 2013 First-Time Freshman Admission Criteria

High School (HS) Rank in Class	Minimum Combined SAT Scores (Math and Critical Reading)	Minimum Total Composite ACT Score
Top 25%	Guaranteed Admission (GA)	Guaranteed Admission (GA)
Second 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAT > 1000 <u>1050</u>: GA • Holistic Review • SAT < 850: Deny 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT > 21 <u>23</u>: GA • Holistic Review • ACT < 17: Deny
Third 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holistic Review • SAT < 950: Deny 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holistic Review • ACT < 20: Deny
Fourth 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holistic Review • SAT < 1,050: Deny 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holistic Review • ACT < 23: Deny
GED, Home Schooled, Unaccredited HS,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holistic Review • SAT < 1,050: Deny 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holistic Review • ACT < 23: Deny
Non-Ranking Accredited HS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAT > 1,050: GA • Holistic Review • SAT < 850: Deny 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT > 23: GA • Holistic Review • ACT < 17: Deny

Transfer Admission Criteria Proposal to Faculty Senate
The University of Texas at San Antonio
Revised: 8-11-2011

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Faculty Senate (FS) approved, during spring semester 2011, new transfer admission criteria that would be sent forward for UT System Board of Regents approval. Further consideration has indicated that the policy should send a stronger message of raised standards at UTSA than does the FS-approved policy. This message would be improved by raising the threshold for consideration of regular transfer applicants from 24 attempted semester credits of college-level coursework to 30 semester credits.

The proposed changes to the FS-approved policy are noted in congressional style below. This policy is aligned with all major institutional planning documents and UTSA's Mission Statement.

Proposed Changes to FS-Approved Transfer Admission Criteria* for Fall 2013

The admission requirements for transfer applicants are determined by the number of college-level semester credits from an accredited college or university that have been attempted at the time of application.

Regular Transfers (having attempted 24 30 or more college-level semester credits) must:

- Have a minimum 2.25 grade point average (4.0 scale) on their college coursework attempted
- Be eligible to return to his/her most recently attended institution

Freshman-Transfers (having attempted less than 24 30 college-level semester credits) must:

- Meet the guaranteed admission requirements for first-time freshmen
- Have a minimum 2.25 grade point average (4.0 scale) on their college coursework attempted
- Be eligible to return to his/her most recently attended institution

*Note: Calculation of the grade point average for admission includes all attempted college-level course work. Repeated courses are not excluded.