

AGENDA ITEM

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9. Proposed Policy change: Revision to 700.1.1–Minimum Admissions Requirements ... Junius Gonzales

Situation: The College Board deployed a revised version of the SAT which included new content and resulted in a scoring shift. As a result, an 800 on the old SAT, which is the minimum score required for admission to a UNC institution, now corresponds to a score of 880 on the new SAT. As more students take the new version of the SAT, it is anticipated that new concordance tables will be released in the future, with different equivalencies. In order to maintain the equivalent minimum SAT score standard, a technical correction to Policy 700.1.1 is required to clarify to stakeholders and UNC institutions that the minimum required SAT score will be an 800 on the old version of the test, or the equivalent on the new version, as determined by the College Board.

Background: Currently, UNC Policy 700.1.1 requires a minimum combined SAT score of 800 on verbal and math sections for admission into a UNC institution, although campuses can require a higher score. The new SAT was administered for the first time in March 2016 and the concordance tables and scores were released by the College Board in early May 2016. Upon review of the concordance table between old and new versions, it was determined that an 800 on the old test is equivalent to an 880 on the new test.

Assessment: The attached proposed policy revision will require a minimum SAT score of 800 on the old test, or the equivalent on the new test, as determined by the College Board. The policy revisions need to be passed by July 2016 so that campuses can make timely admissions decisions for fall 2016 and spring 2017.

Action: This item requires a vote by the Committee, with a full Board vote through the consent agenda at the July meeting.