

MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Hudelson, Executive Secretary

Faculty Senate

FROM: Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

FOR: Academic Affairs Committee

DATE: September 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposal to Revise Rule 2

At its meeting on September 7, 2021, AAC approved the following change to Rule 2 which describes the requirements for freshman admission.

In March 2021, WSU stopped requiring SAT or ACT test scores as part of the admissions evaluation process. This change was precipitated by the Board of Regents vote to stop requiring standardized tests in the admissions process at WSU. The regents also recommended that WSU no longer use the test scores in the selection process for scholarships.

As proposed by the Office of Admissions and supported by the Provost's Office, the change in policy and revision of the rule reflect the national trend away from using standardized test scores.

2. FRESHMAN REQUIREMENTS

Freshman applicants are considered for admission to the university on the basis of their academic records and other supporting documents, which include official transcripts that show coursework through at least grade 11 or its equivalent, completion of the Washington College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs), test scores (ACT or SAT), and other relevant materials as requested or as may be provided. On the basis of these criteria, the most qualified applicants are offered admission.

A complete list of the Washington College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs) for admission may be found at the Washington Student Achievement Council's (WSAC) website, linked here www.cadr.wsu.edu. Applicants from unaccredited high schools may contact the Office of Admissions for additional information.

At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2021.