

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # VIII-M7

Writing Section of the Scholastic Aptitude Test

1. Motion presenter: Stephen Johnson, of the Academic Affairs Committee
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: March 8, 2004
3. Context:

The Academic Affairs Committee's charge was to consider how UNH should propose to make use of the introduction of a new required writing section on the SAT examination. Mark Rubinstein and Director of Admissions Robert McGann met with the Academic Affairs Committee and presented an overview of the present admissions process, in which the SAT examination score is used only as a supplement to the core elements of the admission process. The Committee discussed potential uses of the planned new SAT writing section.

4. Motion:

1) Recommend that the Admissions Office treat the score in the writing section (which will be introduced in the 2005 SAT examination) as a supplementary piece of information for the admission process;

2) Recommend that the Admissions Office correlate, over a four year period of time, how well the score on the new writing component of the SAT examination reflects and could be used to predict student retention at the university through the freshman year, reporting back to the Faculty Senate in the 2010 academic year; and

3) Recommend that the Admissions Office correlate over a four year period of time how well the score on the new writing component of the SAT examination correlates with overall student grade point average and, more specifically, grade point average in English 401 and Writing Intensive courses, reporting back to the Faculty Senate in the 2010 academic year.

4. Senate action: passed
Vote: unanimous

Date: March 8, 2004

Senate chair's signature:



Forwarded to: President Ann Hart
Forwarded to: VPAA Bruce Mallory
Forwarded to: Mark Rubinstein
Forwarded to: Robert McGann
Forwarded to: Michael Kalinowski
Forwarded to: Steve Johnson

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