The Admissions and Records Policy Committee recommends that all new freshmen admitted for the Fall 1988 term and beyond be required to present scores from the ACT (American College Testing Program) or the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Board) for academic advising, career guidance and enrollment purposes only.

Background

Currently, the University requires that new freshmen who rank in the lower one-half of their high school graduating class submit ACT or SAT scores for admission purposes. The College of Engineering and Applied Science requires the ACT or SAT of all freshmen applicants for admission purposes. For the Fall 1984 term, approximately 1900 of the 2864 new freshmen registered (66%) submitted one of the national test scores. The Committee does not recommend adoption of ACT of SAT as an admission criteria for students who are otherwise admissible.

Rationale

The ACT/SAT scores provide estimates of a student's academic and nonacademic potentials that are useful in the advising process. These test scores provide information useful in determining career options compatible with interests and achievement levels. Course placement can be arranged through use of the test result. The ACT/SAT results provide general information which characterizes the freshman class and thus will enable the University to define and respond to the interests, extra-curricular plans and financial needs of prospective student.

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