



IUPUI

OFFICE OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL

Resolution

*Passed Unanimously by the IUPUI Faculty Council
on Tuesday, October 1, 2019*

IFC Resolution Regarding a Test Optional Approach to Undergraduate Admissions

Whereas considerable research reveals that standardized admissions tests discriminate against females, minorities, and disadvantaged students, and

Whereas a more cost-effective enrollment practice is retaining students rather than recruiting new students lost to attrition, and

Whereas the predictive value of measures of academic success and persistence based on high school GPA and rigor of the high school curriculum is greater than the predictive value of SAT scores based on IUPUI local research, and

Whereas student study habits may be better predicted by the body of work in high school as reflected by grades, essays, and rigor of the curriculum rather than a single point in time (i.e. the exam), and

Whereas students with higher GPAs in high school have better study skills and so remain in college, and

Whereas high school GPA is better predictor of first-year GPA in college than standardized test scores,

Be it resolved that the IUPUI Faculty Council endorses the adoption of the test optional approach to undergraduate admissions proposed by the Undergraduate Admissions Test Optional Taskforce, with the understanding that standardized test scores will be optional only for admission to IUPUI/University College and that individual schools will continue to have the right to require test scores for direct student admissions if they so choose. Further, the IFC encourages the University Faculty Council to amend policy ACA-54 (Establishing Campus Undergraduate Admission Policies) accordingly.