Request to Extend Suspension of WSUCA 2.34.09.020 Admissions Test Requirements

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors extend the suspension of 2.34.09.020, the standardized test score requirement for admission to the University, approved on May 1, 2020, through the Fall 2021 admission cycle.

Background

Both ACT and College Board are highlighting that under-resourced districts and those in higher infection areas will likely have more obstacles to testing than ever before as sites and proctors may not be available, due to the pandemic. The administration believes this will affect the Detroit metropolitan area heavily and will serve as a large obstacle to higher education access for the region's students. The Departments of Institutional Research, Enrollment Management, and Student Success are collaborating in consultation with Academic Senate to review these matters and consider possible criteria that may be used in test optional admission decisions. Processes, staffing, and procedures will be created in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to support holistic admission decisions for the foreseeable future and to ensure student success.