

Academic Governing Council
Decision Form

This form is to be used when the Academic Governing Council makes a decision on an issue. This form is sent to the Provost.

Decision: At the 1/22/08 AGC meeting, the body passed the following resolutions:

1. Change GRCC's ACT cut score policy from reliance on the ACT composite score to the employment of ACT sub scores for determining referral to Accuplacer testing.

#2. Raise GRCC's composite cut score of 16 to sub score cut scores of 18, in English, Reading, and Mathematics for referral to Accuplacer testing in those specific areas. This means students with sub scores of 17 and lower will be referred to Accuplacer for testing in those areas.

Rationale:

ACT College Readiness Benchmarks and the test's predictive value are based on sub scores, not on composite scores.

Sub scores are the "industry standard."

The 18/19 cut score range is the most common cut score in Michigan.

A cut score of 18 in English is ACT's recommended College Readiness Benchmark score for English.

The ACT College Readiness Benchmark of 22 in Mathematics indicates that a student is ready for College Algebra. ACT does not set a cut score for MA 003, but colleges who use the ACT for placement put the cut score for MA 003 between 17 and 18.

The ACT benchmark of 21 in Reading (which predicts success in Social Sciences courses) is higher than the average for Michigan (19). The most common Reading ACT cut in Michigan is 18.

For more information, refer to the power point presentation from the 12/22/07 AGC meeting. The presentation can be found at <http://grcc.edu/ShowPage.cfm?PageID=7108>

Supporting Data:

See AGC minutes from 1/22/08 and 12/11/08, as well as additional power point materials at <http://grcc.edu/ShowPage.cfm?PageID=7108>

Implications for Action:

Possible implications are discussed in detail in minutes from 12/11/07 and 1/22/08

Evaluation Plan:

To be instituted by Provost.

Date of Decision by AGC: 1/22/08

Response from Provost:

Approved and proceed with implementation plan.
Ask for review of impact next year.

Ann S. Kelly
Feb. 12, 2008