

Stephen F. Austin State University

SFASU Faculty Senate

**Resolution on Revised Admissions Standards for Entering Freshman
(Resolution 2001-02.03)**

WHEREAS, Stephen F. Austin State University now allows high school graduates ranked in the upper half of their class clear admission without regard to standardized test scores;

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Admissions Requirement Committee, consisting of representatives of all academic units and the Admissions Office, was charged by the VPAA to make a faculty recommendation regarding the university's undergraduate admissions, and began meeting in February, 1999; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough study the Undergraduate Admissions Requirement Committee in June of 1999, as one of their recommendations, suggested raising admissions standards so that students in the 2nd quartile should have an SAT score of at least 850 or an ACT score of at least 18; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 study revealed that only 10 of 30 Texas public universities allowed high school graduates ranked in the upper half of their class to be admitted without regard to standardized test scores, and since that time the number has fallen to 9; and

WHEREAS, an alarmingly high percentage of entering freshmen require enrollment in developmental courses;

WHEREAS, some prospective students apparently regard Stephen F. Austin State University as the "school of last resort;" now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate strongly urges revision of standards for admission so that students in the 2nd quartile of their high school class should have an SAT score of at least 930 or an ACT score of at least 19.