

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM: 6.L**

**DATE: February 25, 2010**

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**SUBJECT: Residual ACT Scores**

During the AAC meeting in November, AAC discussed issues surrounding the use of the residual ACT scores ([AAC Agenda Item 6.C, November 2009](#)). It was stated that the administration of these exams is causing problems within the system, especially in those situations where students are attempting to establish eligibility for programs such as the Opportunity Scholarship or with athletics. This arises because the residual ACT exam is not viewed as an official exam (See <http://www.act.org/aap/infosys/residual.html>). This site establishes these significant differences. Since the tests are developed, handled and administered differently, ACT itself refuses to retain and to report these scores.

It was noted that the residual ACT is used by the campuses to make last minute admissions decisions. However, a review of the system's database showed that only 236 students had residual ACT scores reported. It was agreed that this was rather insignificant.

The suggestion is that we eliminate use of the residual ACT. The members of the Council were asked to take this proposal back to their institutions and to discuss the effect that eliminating the use of the residual ACT would have.

Members of the Council should be prepared to report what effect eliminating the use of the residual ACT score may have at their institution.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**Discussion and recommendation.**