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Subject: CSU Enrollment Reporting System Issues

There will be three new data elements added to the CSU Enrollment Reporting System:

- SAT writing scores
- ACT writing scores
- Status of nursing applicants and nursing students with regard to having earned the designation of "RN"

Writing Score(s)

Last spring, a writing section was added to the SAT and a voluntary writing test was added to the ACT Assessment. The SAT writing score is expressed within a three-digit field (200-800), and the ACT writing score is expressed within a two-digit field (2-12). Neither score currently plays any role in the calculation of a CSU Eligibility Index (EI). The values associated with writing scores, however, are of interest to the Admission Advisory Council and having early access to the new writing scores will help facilitate the next eligibility study of California public high school graduates. So, beginning with the summer 2006 ERS cycle, please adapt your student data systems to accommodate the collection of these writing scores in ERSA and ERSS files. The file formats will be as follows:

ERSA	Length	From	To
SAT Writing	3	155	157
ACT Writing	2	157	158
ERSS	Length	From	To
SAT Writing	3	104	106
ACT Writing	2	107	108

Status re RN

To meet a new State reporting-requirement about the production of new nurses, CSU must now document whether new CSU nursing students (both undergraduate and graduate) were "registered nurses" prior to matriculation. To that end, a "yes" or "no" question about RN status will be added to the CSU application for admission, starting with the 2007-2008 application cycle; and a corresponding dichotomous field (Y/N) also will be included in ERSA and ERSS files beginning fall 2007. The file formats will be as follows:

ERSA	Length	From	To
Registered Nurse	1	154	154
ERSS	Length	From	To
Registered Nurse	1	103	103

It is also imperative that pre-nursing students not be included in counts representing students already admitted into nursing programs. In short, that means pre-nursing students should not receive a code of "12031" for their majors in either ERSA or ERSS files.

The assistance of all CSU enrollment services and information technology staff in attending these three matters will be greatly appreciated. Please address all questions to Jim Blackburn, Associate Director, Enrollment Management Services at (562) 951-4726 or e-mail jblackburn@calstate.edu.

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