March 16, 2016

MEMORANDUM

To: Vice Chancellors for Academic Affairs
    Vice Chancellors for Student Affairs

From: Peter Quigley

Re: Adoption of Math Ad hoc Committee Recommendations

This memo confirms the adoption of the Math Ad hoc Committee recommendations by the Student Success Council at its March 9, 2016 meeting.

- Use Accuplacer for a period of two years, during which time the tool will be monitored and validated
- Cross-walk current COMPASS cut-offs to Accuplacer scores
- Support faculty’s construction of more customized options for math placement such as EdReady, MyMathTest, and/or ALEKS

The math recommendations will be reviewed with the intent to make changes, if appropriate.

One other suggestion from the Math Ad hoc Committee, which did not have support:

- Consider having all students take the Accuplacer test, including those who are able to provide information on the approved filters (ACT, SAT, high school GPA, etc.). Students would still be placed by whatever means gets them into the highest level course, but it would allow us to calibrate cut-off scores

Attachment:
SSC March 9, 2016 Math Ad hoc Committee Recommendations
Date: March 7, 2016

To: Dr. Peter Quigley, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, UHCC  
Suzette Robinson, Director of Academic Programs, UHCC  
Student Success Council, UHCC

From: Math Sub-Group – Student Success Council

Subject: Recommendation on Placement Instrument

The math Sub-Group was tasked with discussing, reviewing, and recommending a tool for assessing the math proficiency of students who do not have any of the standardized test scores or other high school metrics approved by the UHCC Student Success Council. Below is a summary of the recommendation from the sub-group to the Student Success Council for action at the upcoming March 9, 2016 meeting.

The results of an initial discussion by a sub-group of math faculty who volunteered to review the options for online testing instruments were shared with all the members of the Math Sub-Group. The discussion was conducted over email. The consensus on the instrument was reached on February 29, 2016. Additional recommendations and further questions were raised and are presented below. These warrant further discussion. Guidance from the UHCC SSC will be appreciated.

Recommendations
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One other suggestion from the group, which did not have full support:
- Consider having all students take the Accuplacer test, including those who are able to provide information on the approved filters (ACT, SAT, high school GPA, etc.). Students would still be placed by whatever means gets them into the highest level course, but it would allow us to calibrate cut-off scores

The Math Sub-Group recommends that the Student Success Council (SSC) move to approve the use of Accuplacer as outlined in the recommendation above.