

Minutes: Academic & Student Affairs Committee Meeting
April 22, 2025, 3:30 p.m., SGA Chambers, GUC 163

- 1) Chair Dr. Kristy Oden called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. Those in attendance included Alyson Bergner, Dr. Miranda Bowie, Becca Bush, Dr. Nikki Davenport, Micheal Gilliland, Dr. Kevin Jacques, Matthew Jones, Dr. Tera Kirkman, Dr. Diane Kutz, John McGee, Dr. Kristy Oden, Dr. Amber Paulk, Dr. Brien Smith, Dr. Rebecca Smith, Julie Taylor, and Dr. KC White.
- 2) After a motion by Dr. Jacques and a second by Mr. Gilliland, today's agenda was approved. After a motion by Mr. Gilliland and a second by Mr. Jones, [minutes from the February 25, 2025](#), meeting were approved.
- 3) The group continued reviewing the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee's [recommendation to reinstate ACT/SAT scores](#) as an admission requirement.
 - a) After discussion, Dr. Jacques made a motion that UNA does not revert to requiring the ACT or SAT for admission. Dr. Oden seconded the motion. Additional discussion resulted in a motion by Dr. Smith and a second by Ms. Bush that ASA create a workgroup to analyze the admissions process and how UNA supports struggling students. The motion was amended after a motion by Mr. Gilliland and seconded by Mr. Jones to limit the workgroup to 10 members, from ASA, faculty, staff, students, and other invested parties. The motion was again amended by Dr. Jacques and a second by Dr. Oden to set a workgroup deadline for the end of the spring 2026 semester.
 - b) Summary of Vote: The ASA committee voted against the recommendation to reinstate the ACT or SAT requirement as part of the undergraduate admission application process.
 - c) Recommendation: The ASA committee recommends that the University continue the current admission process until a workgroup consisting of 10 members representing the ASA committee, faculty, staff, students, and invested parties researches this issue using a data-driven approach, with findings disseminated by the end of the Spring 2026 semester.
- 4) After a motion by Mr. Gilliland and a second by Mr. Jones, the group voted to adjourn at 4:23 p.m.