

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 20, 2006
To: Leon Richards
From: Frank Abou-Sayf
Subject: COMPASS Placement-Test Discrepancies

I am responding to your request to check on the COMPASS Placement-Test Discrepancies that are attached to the UHCC Chancellors memo from Mike Rota dated September 16, 2006.

According to Guy Nishimoto, the cut-offs listed for our college are only listed in Banner but not implemented for placement purposes. The ones implemented for placement purposes are as follows:

Category	Banner Cut-Off	Current Placement Cut-Off
ENG 100 Reading Placement Score	79 - 100	Not used
ENG 102 Writing Placement Score	40 - 100	Not used
ENG 102 Reading Placement Score	56 - 100	79 - 100

The impact of an incorrect Banner cut-off is not clear, as Banner does not store COMPASS scores to determine student placement through its own separate algorithm. However, we will work with Susan Pope to ensure that the Banner cut-offs reflect what is actually being used on campus.

Thanks