

The Great Provisional Project

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Is “provisional” status necessary? Yes, according to Dave Burke. As I looked into the data of provisional students from Fall 2006 and Fall 2007, the provisional status appeared necessary to me as well. Simply put, provisional students are doing well academically. In the Fall of 2006, 118 provisional students attempted an average of 13.28 units while achieving a 2.73 GPA. That semester only 17 provisional students (14%) had a GPA under 2.00. In the Fall of 2007, 132 provisional students attempted an average of 13.36 units while achieving a 2.77 GPA. That semester only 16 provisional students (12%) had a GPA under 2.00. *So, do provisional students need to meet with Academic Advising?* No. Provisional students have shown academic success without meetings and signed contracts.

Findings of note: in both the Fall of 2006 and the Fall of 2007, males, on average, attempted more units than females, yet achieved a lower GPA. A solution to this problem may be to encourage male provisional students to take fewer units. Another suggestion: maybe there should be no “admitted on probation” status. Rather, students should be regularly admitted, provisionally admitted, or denied. Those provisionally admitted should be held, by the registrar’s office, to either, 13, 14, or 15 units. Probation students should only be those who ended up on probation because of their academic work at APU. There should only be probation, continued on probation, and dismissed/readmitted by petition students.

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Descriptives - Gender

	Gender	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
Math (SAT)	Male	41	504.88	66.186	10.337
	Female	27	473.70	69.179	13.314
Verbal (SAT)	Male	41	492.44	66.962	10.458
	Female	27	472.96	64.856	12.481
Composite (SAT)	Male	41	997.32	109.042	17.029
	Female	27	946.67	111.838	21.523
ACT	Male	12	21.50	3.119	.900
	Female	14	19.21	1.188	.318
High School GPA	Male	46	2.9926	.41361	.06098
	Female	35	3.2711	.38039	.06430
College GPA	Male	36	2.7086	.41309	.06885
	Female	30	2.8173	.38899	.07102
College Units	Male	36	50.44	30.153	5.026
	Female	30	61.13	52.239	9.538
Transfer Units	Male	30	42.03	27.015	4.932
	Female	23	50.48	32.720	6.823
Fall 06 Units	Male	65	13.46	1.880	.233
	Female	53	13.06	2.713	.373
Fall 06 GPA	Male	65	2.6885	.66789	.08284
	Female	53	2.7851	.74771	.10271

Descriptives - Ethnicity

		N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error	95% Confidence Interval for Mean		Minimum	Maximum
						Lower Bound	Upper Bound		
						Math (SAT)	White/Caucasian			45	501.11	71.070	10.595	479.76	522.46	370	690
	Hispanic/Latino	13	452.31	53.721	14.899	419.84	484.77	390	550
	African American	4	495.00	66.081	33.040	389.85	600.15	430	570
	API	4	512.50	75.884	37.942	391.75	633.25	450	620
	Unsure	1	540.00	.	.	.	.	540	540
	Other	1	490.00	.	.	.	.	490	490
	Total	68	492.50	68.619	8.321	475.89	509.11	370	690
Verbal (SAT)	White/Caucasian	45	489.78	71.111	10.601	468.41	511.14	300	640

	Hispanic/Latino	13	470.00	54.006	14.979	437.36	502.64	410	600
	African American	4	450.00	45.461	22.730	377.66	522.34	400	510
	API	4	502.50	67.020	33.510	395.86	609.14	430	590
	Unsure	1	440.00	.	.	.	.	440	440
	Other	1	560.00	.	.	.	.	560	560
	Total	68	484.71	66.343	8.045	468.65	500.76	300	640
Composite (SAT)	White/Caucasian	45	990.89	122.916	18.323	953.96	1027.82	690	1330
	Hispanic/Latino	13	922.31	81.359	22.565	873.14	971.47	810	1080
	African American	4	945.00	40.415	20.207	880.69	1009.31	890	980
	API	4	1015.00	101.160	50.580	854.03	1175.97	900	1100
	Unsure	1	980.00	.	.	.	.	980	980
	Other	1	1050.00	.	.	.	.	1050	1050
	Total	68	977.21	112.141	13.599	950.06	1004.35	690	1330
ACT	White/Caucasian	14	21.29	2.701	.722	19.73	22.85	18	26
	Hispanic/Latino	8	18.38	.744	.263	17.75	19.00	17	19
	African American	2	19.50	.707	.500	13.15	25.85	19	20
	API	2	21.50	3.536	2.500	-10.27	53.27	19	24
	Unsure	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Other	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	26	20.27	2.523	.495	19.25	21.29	17	26
High School GPA	White/Caucasian	54	3.0680	.39487	.05373	2.9602	3.1757	2.26	3.95
	Hispanic/Latino	16	3.3219	.48485	.12121	3.0635	3.5802	2.47	3.93
	African American	4	3.2225	.21639	.10820	2.8782	3.5668	2.97	3.44
	API	4	2.8650	.42806	.21403	2.1839	3.5461	2.54	3.49
	Unsure	2	3.1300	.65054	.46000	-2.7149	8.9749	2.67	3.59
	Other	1	2.7200	.	.	.	.	2.72	2.72
	Total	81	3.1130	.42071	.04675	3.0199	3.2060	2.26	3.95
College GPA	White/Caucasian	40	2.7840	.47110	.07449	2.6333	2.9347	1.80	4.00
	Hispanic/Latino	5	2.8760	.37421	.16735	2.4114	3.3406	2.30	3.14
	African American	8	2.7350	.23809	.08418	2.5360	2.9340	2.37	3.11
	API	6	2.5417	.27622	.11277	2.2518	2.8315	2.12	2.85
	Unsure	4	2.8450	.12042	.06021	2.6534	3.0366	2.74	3.00
	Other	3	2.5933	.10786	.06227	2.3254	2.8613	2.47	2.67
	Total	66	2.7580	.40295	.04960	2.6590	2.8571	1.80	4.00
College Units	White/Caucasian	40	51.92	49.006	7.748	36.25	67.60	4	265

	Hispanic/Latino	5	47.80	36.962	16.530	1.91	93.69	7	104
	African American	8	71.75	26.885	9.505	49.27	94.23	45	117
	API	6	63.33	28.661	11.701	33.26	93.41	26	108
	Unsure	4	62.25	9.979	4.990	46.37	78.13	50	73
	Other	3	43.67	13.279	7.667	10.68	76.65	36	59
	Total	66	55.30	41.664	5.128	45.06	65.55	4	265
Transfer Units	White/Caucasian	30	44.50	34.735	6.342	31.53	57.47	4	138
	Hispanic/Latino	3	53.33	19.757	11.407	4.25	102.41	32	71
	African American	7	55.29	29.159	11.021	28.32	82.25	26	108
	API	6	44.33	20.666	8.437	22.65	66.02	13	67
	Unsure	4	47.25	16.029	8.014	21.74	72.76	27	66
	Other	3	28.33	6.429	3.712	12.36	44.30	21	33
	Total	53	45.70	29.628	4.070	37.53	53.86	4	138
Fall 06 Units	White/Caucasian	68	13.35	2.448	.297	12.76	13.95	3	18
	Hispanic/Latino	19	13.11	2.052	.471	12.12	14.09	9	17
	African American	12	13.58	2.021	.583	12.30	14.87	9	17
	API	9	13.11	1.965	.655	11.60	14.62	9	16
	Unsure	5	12.20	3.564	1.594	7.78	16.62	6	15
	Other	5	13.60	.548	.245	12.92	14.28	13	14
	Total	118	13.28	2.290	.211	12.86	13.70	3	18
Fall 06 GPA	White/Caucasian	68	2.8051	.69600	.08440	2.6367	2.9736	.67	3.94
	Hispanic/Latino	19	2.7505	.61338	.14072	2.4549	3.0462	1.73	3.70
	African American	12	2.7717	.40934	.11817	2.5116	3.0317	1.86	3.43
	API	9	2.4744	.89443	.29814	1.7869	3.1620	1.07	3.89
	Unsure	5	2.4840	1.18635	.53055	1.0109	3.9571	.55	3.50
	Other	5	2.2800	.78692	.35192	1.3029	3.2571	1.43	3.14
	Total	118	2.7319	.70343	.06476	2.6036	2.8601	.55	3.94

Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	9	52.9	52.9	52.9
	Female	8	47.1	47.1	100.0
	Total	17	100.0	100.0	

Ethnicity

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	White/Caucasian	8	47.1	47.1	47.1
	Hispanic/Latino	2	11.8	11.8	58.8
	African American	1	5.9	5.9	64.7
	API	3	17.6	17.6	82.4
	Unsure	1	5.9	5.9	88.2
	Other	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
	Total	17	100.0	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation
Math (SAT)	11	490.00	71.554
Verbal (SAT)	11	489.09	83.241
Composite (SAT)	11	979.09	130.802
ACT	3	21.67	2.517
High School GPA	12	2.9850	.33584
College GPA	9	2.7800	.54420
College Units	9	56.89	42.721
Transfer Units	6	40.83	32.252
Fall 06 Units	17	13.00	3.500
Fall 06 GPA	17	1.4359	.41201
Valid N (listwise)	1		

Descriptives - Gender

	Gender	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
Math (SAT)	Male	31	526.45	79.605	14.298
	Female	56	468.04	75.231	10.053
Verbal (SAT)	Male	31	502.90	78.706	14.136
	Female	56	474.29	56.821	7.593
Composite (SAT)	Male	31	1029.35	125.484	22.538
	Female	56	942.32	107.703	14.392
ACT	Male	9	21.22	3.930	1.310
	Female	16	19.12	2.527	.632
High School GPA	Male	40	2.9960	.39848	.06300
	Female	62	3.2216	.42080	.05344
College GPA	Male	33	2.7985	.48975	.08525
	Female	34	2.8394	.37570	.06443
College Units	Male	33	42.09	27.382	4.767
	Female	34	50.35	29.781	5.107
Transfer Units	Male	27	30.89	20.209	3.889
	Female	31	41.13	24.690	4.434
Fall 07 Units	Male	55	13.73	2.077	.280
	Female	78	13.09	2.163	.245
Fall 07 GPA	Male	55	2.5849	.94503	.12743
	Female	78	2.8983	.55411	.06274

Descriptives - Ethnicity

		N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error	95% Confidence Interval for Mean		Minimum	Maximum
						Lower Bound	Upper Bound		
						Math (SAT)	White/Caucasian			47	490.21	98.874	14.422	461.18	519.24	280	680
	Hispanic/Latino	23	483.04	50.221	10.472	461.33	504.76	370	560
	African American	4	467.50	45.735	22.867	394.73	540.27	410	520
	API	9	520.00	69.642	23.214	466.47	573.53	410	650
	Unsure	1	410.00	.	.	.	.	410	410
	Other	3	473.33	20.817	12.019	421.62	525.04	450	490
	Total	87	488.85	81.375	8.724	471.51	506.19	280	680
Verbal (SAT)	White/Caucasian	47	494.68	74.333	10.843	472.86	516.51	360	670

	Hispanic/Latino	23	468.26	52.627	10.973	445.50	491.02	390	600
	African American	4	462.50	53.151	26.575	377.93	547.07	400	520
	API	9	498.89	66.792	22.264	447.55	550.23	410	610
	Unsure	1	440.00	.	.	.	.	440	440
	Other	3	450.00	10.000	5.774	425.16	474.84	440	460
	Total	87	484.48	66.451	7.124	470.32	498.65	360	670
Composite (SAT)	White/Caucasian	47	984.89	143.161	20.882	942.86	1026.93	670	1260
	Hispanic/Latino	23	951.30	74.730	15.582	918.99	983.62	810	1150
	African American	4	930.00	73.937	36.968	812.35	1047.65	880	1040
	API	9	1018.89	118.685	39.562	927.66	1110.12	880	1260
	Unsure	1	850.00	.	.	.	.	850	850
	Other	3	923.33	15.275	8.819	885.39	961.28	910	940
	Total	87	973.33	121.116	12.985	947.52	999.15	670	1260
ACT	White/Caucasian	17	20.12	3.389	.822	18.38	21.86	16	28
	Hispanic/Latino	1	18.00	.	.	.	.	18	18
	African American	1	18.00	.	.	.	.	18	18
	API	4	20.00	3.651	1.826	14.19	25.81	16	24
	Unsure	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Other	2	19.50	3.536	2.500	-12.27	51.27	17	22
	Total	25	19.88	3.193	.639	18.56	21.20	16	28
High School GPA	White/Caucasian	56	3.0355	.36946	.04937	2.9366	3.1345	1.95	4.26
	Hispanic/Latino	24	3.3154	.43929	.08967	3.1299	3.5009	2.18	4.21
	African American	5	3.1460	.38371	.17160	2.6696	3.6224	2.82	3.63
	API	10	3.2080	.60334	.19079	2.7764	3.6396	2.33	4.22
	Unsure	2	3.0800	.90510	.64000	-5.0520	11.2120	2.44	3.72
	Other	5	3.2100	.21119	.09445	2.9478	3.4722	3.00	3.50
	Total	102	3.1331	.42487	.04207	3.0497	3.2166	1.95	4.26
College GPA	White/Caucasian	34	2.7824	.49691	.08522	2.6090	2.9557	1.71	3.77
	Hispanic/Latino	14	2.8200	.34946	.09340	2.6182	3.0218	2.37	3.65
	African American	7	2.7414	.41237	.15586	2.3601	3.1228	2.31	3.36
	API	6	3.0183	.31682	.12934	2.6858	3.3508	2.67	3.61
	Unsure	1	2.8800	.	.	.	.	2.88	2.88
	Other	4	2.9950	.45494	.22747	2.2711	3.7189	2.47	3.40
	Total	66	2.8218	.43558	.05362	2.7147	2.9289	1.71	3.77
College Units	White/Caucasian	34	45.88	31.020	5.320	35.06	56.71	8	121

	Hispanic/Latino	14	48.14	31.337	8.375	30.05	66.24	3	91
	African American	7	48.71	22.455	8.487	27.95	69.48	21	79
	API	6	44.50	24.914	10.171	18.35	70.65	12	82
	Unsure	1	23.00	.	.	.	.	23	23
	Other	4	41.25	28.206	14.103	-3.63	86.13	10	68
	Total	66	45.91	28.765	3.541	38.84	52.98	3	121
Transfer Units	White/Caucasian	30	35.77	25.303	4.620	26.32	45.22	6	99
	Hispanic/Latino	12	42.08	25.000	7.217	26.20	57.97	8	84
	African American	7	33.86	17.189	6.497	17.96	49.75	21	64
	API	4	30.25	21.654	10.827	-4.21	64.71	12	61
	Unsure	1	11.00	.	.	.	.	11	11
	Other	3	37.67	14.012	8.090	2.86	72.47	22	49
	Total	57	36.14	23.244	3.079	29.97	42.31	6	99
Fall 07 Units	White/Caucasian	70	13.23	2.335	.279	12.67	13.79	3	21
	Hispanic/Latino	30	13.43	2.161	.394	12.63	14.24	6	17
	African American	10	14.20	1.317	.416	13.26	15.14	12	16
	API	13	13.92	1.320	.366	13.13	14.72	12	17
	Unsure	2	12.00	4.243	3.000	-26.12	50.12	9	15
	Other	7	12.43	1.718	.649	10.84	14.02	9	14
	Total	132	13.36	2.151	.187	12.99	13.73	3	21
Fall 07 GPA	White/Caucasian	70	2.7537	.85910	.10268	2.5489	2.9586	.29	4.00
	Hispanic/Latino	30	2.7833	.66799	.12196	2.5339	3.0328	.57	3.68
	African American	10	2.6390	.35388	.11191	2.3858	2.8922	2.19	3.38
	API	13	3.0177	.69203	.19193	2.5995	3.4359	1.94	3.91
	Unsure	2	2.1850	.07778	.05500	1.4862	2.8838	2.13	2.24
	Other	7	2.8157	.62692	.23695	2.2359	3.3955	1.73	3.77
	Total	132	2.7724	.75562	.06577	2.6423	2.9025	.29	4.00

Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	11	68.8	68.8	68.8
	Female	5	31.2	31.2	100.0
	Total	16	100.0	100.0	

Ethnicity

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	White/Caucasian	11	68.8	68.8	68.8
	Hispanic/Latino	3	18.8	18.8	87.5
	API	1	6.2	6.2	93.8
	Other	1	6.2	6.2	100.0
	Total	16	100.0	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation
Math (SAT)	11	528.18	88.410
Verbal (SAT)	11	537.27	77.858
Composite (SAT)	11	1065.45	106.805
ACT	2	17.00	.000
High School GPA	13	2.9515	.43526
College GPA	11	2.6845	.46627
College Units	11	38.55	25.422
Transfer Units	10	24.70	15.542
Fall 07 Units	16	13.44	1.590
Fall 07 GPA	16	1.2625	.57797
Valid N (listwise)	0		