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Subject: Approval of Minimum Internet Based (IBT) TOEFL Scores required for Admissions to the University of Houston

The Ad Hoc Committee met to discuss and make recommendation for the new Internet Based TOEFL (IBT) which will first be administered in the United States on September 24, 2005. The Internet Based TOEFL will replace the Computer Based TOEFL which will become obsolete.

The Ad Hoc Committee is making the following recommendation IBT scores for undergraduate and graduate admission:

The ranking scale of the IBT TOEFL is different from other TOEFL tests, ranking from 0-120. The ad hoc committee recommends 79-80 to be the passing score for the IBT TOEFL. This score is equivalent to the score of 213 on the computer-based TOEFL, or the score of 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, which are the current minimum scores needed to be considered for admissions at the University of Houston.

The IBT TOEFL is a more comprehensive test that will have four sub-sections: speaking, listening, reading and writing. The paper-based total score does not include writing, and neither the paper-based or the computer-based TOEFL include a score on speaking. Thus the IBT TOEFL will give a more comprehensive assessment of the student's mastery of the English language.

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