

**Motion re Exemptions to the Regents' Tests**  
Passed by Admissions and Standards, October 2, 2008

Effective Immediately

Motion:

All exemptions to the Regents' Test that are authorized by the Board of Regents will be implemented at Georgia State. The timing of the implementation will be determined by the Provost or the Provost's designee.

Rationale:

Over the past three years, the Board of Regents (BOR) has repeatedly modified the list of exemptions to the Regents' Tests. When the BOR repeals an exemption, Georgia State must obviously be in line with BOR policy so these exemptions are removed automatically, without Senate action. However, the BOR does not require institutions to use the exemptions it authorizes. Thus, each time an exemption is added to the list, Senate action is required. This has become tedious. The Regents' Tests are a significant graduation requirement and the BOR only approves an exemption when it has been shown that 95% or more of the students who meet the exemption criterion pass the Regents' Tests. Under these circumstances, it is appropriate to streamline our procedures and automatically implement BOR-authorized exemptions.

In some cases, the implementation of an exemption requires significant computer resources. Student advisement also needs to be considered. Therefore, it makes sense to authorize the Provost to select the semester that the exemption will be implemented to allow for the necessary programing/advisement changes to be made.