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Subject: Standards for Honors at Graduation Proposal from CESP

Dear Brian,

The Council on Enrollment and Student Progress seeks approval from the Council on Academic Affairs, of the attached proposal for a change in Faculty Rule 3335-9-33, "STANDARDS FOR HONORS AT GRADUATION", before the proposal is submitted to the University Senate Rules Committee. Simultaneously, CESP seeks approval from CAA, of the attached proposal for a change in Faculty Rule 3335-8-26.1, "RECALCULATION OF CUMULATIVE POINT-HOUR RATIO" ("Fresh Start" Rule), before the proposal is submitted to the Rules Committee.

Please see attached memo and proposal.

Thank you for your attention to these proposals from CESP.

Sincerely,
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To: Brian Winer, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs
From: Anne Smith, Chair-Elect, Council on Enrollment and Student Progress
DATE: April 11, 2007
RE: Proposal to Change Faculty Rule 3335-9-33, "STANDARDS FOR HONORS AT GRADUATION" and 3335-8-26.1, "RECALCULATION OF CUMULATIVE POINT-HOUR RATIO"

The Council on Enrollment and Student Progress seeks approval from the Council on Academic Affairs, of the attached proposal for a change in Faculty Rule **3335-9-33, "STANDARDS FOR HONORS AT GRADUATION"**, before the proposal is submitted to the University Senate Rules Committee.

Beginning with Autumn Quarter 2003, the university implemented several policy and practice changes related to graduation and finals for graduating seniors. Those policy changes, however, were never appropriately incorporated into this administrative rule. In addition, there have been some questions and inconsistent application of standards regarding credit hours within the requirements of this administrative rule. In Winter 2007, the Council on Enrollment and Student Progress approved the attached proposal.

More specifically, there is some inconsistency among the colleges with regard to inclusion of "S/U"-graded coursework, and "P/NP"-graded coursework. This proposal represents the approach taken by the overwhelming majority of the enrollment units, and would provide a more consistent standard by which the "Latin Honors" are measured across the institution.

Simultaneously, CESP seeks approval from CAA, of the attached proposal for a change in Faculty Rule **3335-8-26.1, "RECALCULATION OF CUMULATIVE POINT-HOUR RATIO" ("Fresh Start" Rule)**, before the proposal is submitted to the Rules Committee.

Faculty rule 3335-8-26.1 was amended in 2004 to accommodate a proposal regarding eligibility for graduation honors after applying a "Fresh Start" to a student's record. Faculty rule 3335-9-33 "Standards for honors at graduation" was not appropriately changed to accommodate that change. Because the two rules should have consistent standards and language, we seek approval of the proposal to change Faculty Rule 3335-8-26.1 regarding the standards for awarding honors at graduation as applied to a student who has utilized a "Fresh Start."

ATTACHMENTS

C: W. Randy Smith, Vice Provost, Curriculum and Institutional Relations
C: Martha Garland, Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate Studies

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN FACULTY RULE 3335-9-33, "STANDARDS FOR HONORS AT GRADUATION"

WHEREAS beginning with Autumn Quarter 2003, the university implemented several policy and practice changes related to graduation and finals for graduating seniors,

WHEREAS those policy changes were never appropriately incorporated into this administrative rule,

WHEREAS there have been some questions among the college offices regarding what credit hours are or are not included within the requirements of this administrative rule,

WHEREAS there has been inconsistent application of standards regarding credit hours within the requirements of this administrative rule,

WHEREAS in Winter 2007, the Council on Enrollment and Student Progress approved the proposal,

WHEREAS in Spring 2007, the Council on Academic Affairs approved the proposal,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approve the proposal to change Faculty Rule 3335-9-33 regarding the standards for awarding honors at graduation, and respectfully request concurrence by the Board of Trustees, and proposal to be effective for the next full quarter after approval by the Board of Trustees.

3335-9-33 Standards for honors at graduation.

(A) Degrees "cum laude," "magna cum laude," and "summa cum laude" may be granted for exceptional achievement in the curriculum of each college or other enrollment unit. The designation "summa cum laude" may be granted only for those students who have achieved at least a 3.90 cumulative point-hour ratio as of the term penultimate to their graduation. ~~at the time of graduation.~~ The designation "magna cum laude" may be granted only for those students who have achieved at least a 3.70 cumulative point-hour ratio as of the term penultimate to their graduation. ~~at the time of graduation.~~ The designation "cum laude" may be granted only for those students who have achieved at least a 3.50 cumulative point-hour ratio as of the term penultimate to their graduation. ~~at the time of graduation.~~

1. Should a student not meet the criteria noted above as of the term penultimate to his or her graduation, but meet the criteria based on his or her cumulative GPA at the time of graduation, he or she will be considered as having met the criteria to graduate with the appropriately revised recognition.
2. Should a student meet the criteria noted above as of the term penultimate to his or her graduation, but drop below the threshold with his or her final cumulative GPA, he or she will not be considered to lose his or her Latin Honors recognition for graduation.

(B) Eligibility for these honors shall be based on a minimum of ninety credit hours of course enrollment at this university. The marks for all Ohio state coursework considered toward the degree will be included in calculating a

student's eligibility for such honors. Credits in courses graded "S/U," as well as credits earned in repeatable coursework will be considered as counting toward the 90 credit hours. Credits in courses graded "PA/NP," as well as credits earned in coursework repeated under rule 3335-8-28 of the Administrative Code will not be considered as counting toward the 90 credit hours. ~~except that for a~~ For a student who has completed ninety credit hours subsequent to application of a fresh start, in accordance with rule 3335-8-261 of the Administrative Code, only those marks received for coursework subsequent to fresh start will be considered toward calculating a student's eligibility for such honors.

(C) Standards for graduation "with distinction in [special subject(s)]" and "with honors in []" shall be as adopted by the council on academic affairs. Eligibility for these honors shall be based on a minimum of ninety credit hours of course enrollment at this university. The marks for all Ohio state coursework considered toward the degree will be included in calculating a student's eligibility for such honors. Credits in courses graded "S/U" and credits earned in repeatable coursework will be considered as counting toward the 90 credit hours. Credits in courses graded "PA/NP" and credits earned in coursework repeated under rule 3335-8-28 of the Administrative Code will not be considered as counting toward the 90 credit hours.

(D) Beyond these minimal requirements the enrollment units may establish additional stipulations for graduation "cum laude," "magna cum laude," and "summa cum laude." (B/T 3/5/76, B/T 3/6/92, B/T 6/2/2000, B/T 6/4/2004)

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN FACULTY RULE 3335-8-26.1, "RECALCULATION OF CUMULATIVE POINT-HOUR RATIO"

WHEREAS faculty rule 3335-8-26.1 was amended in 2004 to accommodate a proposal regarding eligibility for graduation honors after applying a "Fresh Start" to a student's record,

WHEREAS faculty rule 3335-9-33 "Standards for honors at graduation" was not appropriately changed to accommodate that change,

WHEREAS the two rules should have consistent standards and language,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approve the proposal to change Faculty Rule 3335-8-26.1 regarding the standards for awarding honors at graduation as applied to a student who has utilized a "Fresh Start," and respectfully request concurrence by the Board of Trustees, and proposal to be effective for the next full quarter after approval by the Board of Trustees.

3335-8-26.1 Recalculation of cumulative point-hour ratio (Fresh Start).

(A) An undergraduate student who re-enrolls in the university after an absence of five or more years may petition the dean or director of his or her enrollment unit to recalculate the cumulative point-hour ratio of his or her previous residency. If the petition is approved, all courses taken will remain on the permanent record. Those with marks of "A," "A-," "B+," "B," "B-," "C+," "C," "C-," "EM," "K," "PA," or "S" will be counted for credit only. No other marks will be counted for credit.

(B) If the petition is approved, the student resumes his or her academic program with no cumulative point-hour ratio, and thereafter is subject to the conditions of warning, probation, and dismissal that govern all students (see rules 3335-9-24 to 3335-9-28 of the Administrative Code).

(C) Under the provisions of this rule a student, before graduation, must be re-enrolled for a minimum of

(1) Forty-five quarter credit hours and

(2) Three academic quarters.

(D) Except as defined in 3335-8-26.1 (E), below, aAll courses ever taken at the university will be used in the calculation of the cumulative point-hour ratio required for the purposes of graduation with honors (rule 3335-9-33).

(E) For a student who has completed ninety credit hours subsequent to application of this rule, only those marks received for coursework subsequent to application of this rule will be considered toward calculating a student's eligibility for graduation with honors (rule 3335-9-33).

(F) ~~(E)~~The graduate school and graduate professional colleges may formulate appropriate modifications of this rule, subject to approval by the council on academic affairs, and shall publish the rule in their bulletins. (B/T 6/7/79, B/T 7/10/81, B/T 5/3/96, B/T 7/9/2004)