



DATE: October 24, 2023
FROM: Andre Avramchuk, Chair, Academic Senate
TO: Leroy Morishita, President
CC:
SUBJECT: **Proposed Policy Modification: Recognition of Students at the University Honors Convocation, Faculty Handbook, Chapter IV**

The attached recommendation was approved by the Academic Senate at its meeting of October 10, 2023 and is being forwarded for your approval.

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Attachment

ACTION: Unsigned
EFFECTIVE: _____
Semester Year
SIGNED: _____
President
DATE: _____

I am returning the above titled proposal unsigned. The practice of granting honors and awards to students based on high academic scholarly achievement is a long-standing practice in the academy. Recognizing these achievements at a ceremony in a college or department provides students with a more intimate venue for the recognition. The proposed modification allows for individual colleges and departments to establish criteria that can vary from unit to unit from the university criteria. I would approve the policy with the following change:

1. Line 8: remove "based on GPA and/or other criteria determined by the colleges"
2. Line 10: remove "and to determine student criteria for eligibility"
3. In summary, I would sign the revised modification if lines 6-10 read as follows:

Honors Convocation. The University and colleges may, at their discretion, recognize undergraduate and graduate students in an honors convocation ceremony. Colleges may grant authority to departments/divisions/schools to recognize students in an honors ceremony.

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12/12/23



Recognition of Students at the University Honors Convocation HONORS

CONVOCATION AND AWARDS

(Senate: 3/2/93, 10/14/08, 5/10/16; President: 5/14/93, 1/20/09, 8/17/16; Editorial Amendment: 9/00, 8/01)

HONORS CONVOCATION. THE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGES MAY, AT THEIR DISCRETION, RECOGNIZE UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS IN AN HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY BASED ON GPA AND/OR OTHER CRITERIA DETERMINED BY THE COLLEGES. COLLEGES MAY GRANT AUTHORITY TO DEPARTMENTS/DIVISIONS/SCHOOLS TO RECOGNIZE STUDENTS IN AN HONORS CEREMONY AND TO DETERMINE STUDENT CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY.

Students UNDERGRADUATES Named to the Dean's List. Undergraduates who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in 12 or more units of graded course work in one semester are named to the Dean's List. Students who receive NC for any coursework in the semester under consideration are not eligible to be named to the Dean's List for that semester.

Scholarship and Award Recipients. Scholarship awards are generally based on high academic achievements.

Honor Society Initiates. Chapters of more than twenty national and international honor societies have been chartered at the University to accord recognition to students who demonstrated superior scholarship and leadership in specific academic areas.

Certificate of Honor. The primary purpose of this award is to recognize students for academic excellence. Students who receive the Certificate of Honor are selected by their respective academic departments/divisions/schools for outstanding and distinguished achievement within their major area of study. Each department/division/school is limited to two undergraduate and two graduate awards.

Graduate Students RECEIVING SPECIAL HONORS. Graduate students who have a 3.80 or better GPA on their graduate programs and who have completed 80% or more of their graduate programs may be recognized BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLEGES AND/OR DEPARTMENTS/DIVISIONS/SCHOOLS. at the University Honors Convocation upon the recommendation of their departments/divisions/schools. Colleges and/or departments/divisions/schools may at their discretion, recognize other students in their ceremonies.