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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal for revisions to the Presidential Scholars and Dean's List policy has been approved by the Educational Affairs Committee, and will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Mark Farmer, Chair
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

Presidential Scholar and Dean's List

Current:

The University encourages excellence in scholarship and gives recognition to students whose work is superior. Presidential Scholar and Dean's List designations are generated for each school or college at the end of each semester. To be named a presidential scholar, students must have achieved during the preceding semester a grade point average of 4.00, earned at least 14 hours (9 hours during summer semester) numbered 1000 or higher, and received no unsatisfactory or incomplete grades. Students who are not named a Presidential Scholar in a given semester will be named to the Dean's List if they have achieved during the preceding semester a grade point average greater than or equal to 3.50; earned at least 14 hours (6 hours during summer semester) in courses numbered 1000 or higher; and received no grades below a B (3.0), no unsatisfactory grades, and no incomplete grades.

Proposed:

The University encourages excellence in scholarship and gives recognition to students whose work is superior. Presidential Scholar and Dean's List designations are generated for each school or college at the end of each semester. To be named a presidential scholar, students must have achieved during the preceding semester a grade point average of 4.00, ~~earned at least 14 hours (9 hours during summer semester) numbered 1000 or higher,~~ successfully completed a full course credit load* (12 hours - Fall and Spring; 6 hours - summer semester), and received no unsatisfactory or incomplete grades. Students who are not named a Presidential Scholar in a given semester will be named to the Dean's List if they have achieved during the preceding semester a grade point average greater than or equal to ~~3.50;~~ 3.70; ~~earned at least 14 hours (6 hours during summer semester) in courses numbered 1000 or higher;~~ successfully completed a full course credit load* (12 hours - Fall and Spring; 6 hours - summer semester) and received no grades below a B (3.0), no unsatisfactory grades, and no incomplete grades.

* Students who are approved for the Reduced Full Course Load accommodation through the Disability Resource Center, due to the impact of a documented disability, are eligible for the Presidential Scholar and Dean's List designations provided they have met the other criteria for eligibility and have completed their approved Reduced Full Course Load during the semester.

Other University policies and procedures may consider whether a student is enrolled as a "full-time" student when determining the applicability of such policies and procedures, and, for the avoidance of doubt, a determination of eligibility under this Policy for the Presidential Scholar and Dean's List designations as a result of a Reduced Full Course Load accommodation shall not have any bearing on the applicability or non-applicability of such other policies and procedures.

Rationale:

The rationale for the proposed changes are as follows:

- 1) Bring consistency regarding what constitutes a full course load for the summer semester for both the Presidential Scholar and the Dean's List recognitions.
- 2) Bring UGA in line with many peer and aspirant institutions regarding honorifics with regards to the number of credit hours earned during a semester (full course load of 12 vs. 14).
- 3) Raise the minimum GPA required to earn Dean's List to a more rigorous level, a level that exceeds most of UGA's peer and aspirant institutions.
- 4) Enable DRC registered students who are approved for a reduced course load accommodation to be eligible for both Presidential Scholar and Dean's List recognition.