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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to revise Policy 4.03-1, Presidential Scholar and Dean's List, will be an agenda item for the September 24, 2018, Full Educational Affairs Committee meeting. The proposed revisions include the following changes:

- Change the definition of a "full course load" in summer semesters from 6 hours to 9 hours in order to qualify for Dean's List
- Enable students registered with the Disability Resource Center who are approved for a reduced course load accommodation to be eligible for both Presidential Scholar and Dean's List recognition

Sincerely,

Mark Farmer, Chair
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Interim Provost Libby V. Morris
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

4.03-1, Presidential Scholar and Dean's List
<http://bulletin.uga.edu/bulletin/ind/dean.html>

Educational Affairs Committee
Proposed September 24, 2018

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) Maintain UGA's policy regarding honorifics with regard to the number of credit hours earned during a semester.
- (3) Enable Disability Resource Center registered students who are approved for a reduced course load accommodation to be eligible for both Presidential Scholar and Dean's List recognition. To identify these students each semester, the Disability Resource Center will submit to the Registrar's Office a list of those students who have been approved for a reduced course load accommodation so that the Registrar's Office may determine if they have met the eligibility requirements for receiving academic recognition.

Note: 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.

Other institutions' policies on honorifics for students with disabilities:

University of South Florida – "Students registered in the Office of Students with Disabilities Services whose approved accommodations include a reduced academic load are eligible by meeting the above parameters with at least nine (9) hours of graded USFSM courses completed in the semester and the recommendation from that office, to be confirmed by the College Dean."

University of Massachusetts – (Please note that students who are approved through Disability Services for a reduced course load in accordance with the American Disabilities Act (ADAAA) will be exempt from the 12 credit minimum).

Ohio State University – A student must be considered "full-time" to be on the Dean's List; if they have documentation allowing them to be taking fewer hours than the 12 required (which is what defines a full-time student) and are still considered "full-time," then the student qualifies for Dean's List.

Iowa State University – A student must be considered "full-time" to be on the Dean's List; if they have documentation allowing them to be taking fewer hours than the 12 required (which is what defines a full-time student) and are still considered "full-time," then the student qualifies for Dean's List.

University of Florida – Students registered with the Disability Resource Center may be allowed to vary the number of credits required, but not the GPA requirement, following certification by the DRC.

Proposed Revisions:

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 ~~grades and no~~ 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. ~~To be eligible for either Presidential Scholar or Dean's list, a student must have earned at least 14 hours (9 hours during summer semester) numbered 1000 or higher during the semester. 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.~~

Revised Policy:

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