

Motion on Academic Recognitions

Passed by Admissions and Standards, November 12, 2007

Motion:

Effective Fall 2008

Part 1

1352.10 Semester Recognition *Additions* ~~Deletions~~

~~Faculty Scholar~~ *President's List*: Degree-seeking students with a minimum Georgia State University cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 who complete at least nine semester hours of letter-graded academic credit in fall or spring term (or six semester hours in summer term) with no Incompletes for the semester and who earn a 4.00 GPA will be placed on the *President's List* ~~named Faculty Scholars~~ for the semester. (Students placed on the President's List are not placed on the Dean's List.)

Dean's List: Degree-seeking students with a minimum Georgia State cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 who complete at least nine semester hours of letter-graded academic credit in fall or spring term (or six semester hours in summer term) with no Incompletes for the semester and who earn a GPA of at least 3.50 will be placed on the appropriate Dean's List for the semester.

Part 2

Section 1352.20, Cumulative Recognition, is repealed.

Rationale:

The current system of cumulative recognitions is confusing to students, faculty, and administrators. See below. The students earn multiple awards at the same time and this makes for long ceremonies that do not feel special. The proposal simplifies the system by focusing on only two GPAs and making in clear that students do not earn multiple awards.

The proposal brings our academic recognitions in line with those at UGA and Georgia Tech. Neither of them has cumulative recognitions.

The name “Faculty Scholar” has proven to be confusing to students and prospective employers. Some of them think that it is a lower honor than Dean’s List. “President’s List” is more in line with national norms.

Given that our student population tends to take lower course loads than those at UGA and Tech, the proposed hours requirements remain lower than those required at those two institutions. Tech’s grading practices are different from those at UGA and GSU, so it is best for us to follow the UGA model and draw the Dean’s List line at 3.50.

The subcommittee recommends that Georgia State do more to celebrate Dean’s List and President’s List. At a minimum, there should be a high profile web page that lists them. Some institutions post the Dean’s and President’s List’s 24 hours before grades are released and send out a campus wide email indicating that student can check and see if they are on the list. We should also remember that Dean’s and President’s Lists are important to families. They should be able to see the web page as well. If we collect parental emails, it would be worth considering whether we can send a congratulatory emails to parents. We need to be more creative about providing our best students with the recognition they deserve.

Background Information:

To be Repealed, 1352.20 Cumulative Recognition

Dean’s Scholarship Key: Degree-seeking students will be awarded the Dean’s Scholarship Key for outstanding academic achievement at four milestones in their course work at Georgia State University. To be eligible to receive this recognition, a student must not have any outstanding grades of Incomplete on his or her record and must meet the following minimum grade point average requirements for the four 30-semester-hour blocks of course work:

30 semester hours in residence	4.00
60 semester hours in residence	3.80
90 semester hours in residence	3.65
120 semester hours in residence	3.50

Faculty Scholarship Award: To acknowledge a continuous and long-term commitment to academic excellence, the Faculty Scholarship Award is given to those students who maintain a 4.0 grade point average in the course of accruing a minimum of 36 semester hours with no incompletes over a period of no more than four consecutive semesters in residence at Georgia State and within a period of 36 months.

UGA's Presidential Scholar and Dean's List Policy

The University encourages excellence in scholarship and gives recognition to students whose work is superior by publishing the Presidential Scholar and Dean's Lists from 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, with a minimum of 12 hours in courses graded A-F (9 hours during summer semester, with a minimum of 6 hours in courses graded A-F) 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.

GA Tech Dean's List and Faculty Honors

1. Dean's List-includes all degree-seeking undergraduates who, during the preceding term, made an academic average of 3.00 or higher, completed a schedule of at least twelve hours of coursework on a letter-grade basis, and are not on academic warning or probation or subject to any disciplinary action. (All grades must be reported.)
2. Faculty honors-includes all degree-seeking undergraduates who during the preceding term made an academic average of 4.00, completed a schedule of at least twelve hours of coursework on a letter-grade basis with no W grades, and are not on academic warning or probation or subject to any disciplinary action. (All grades must be reported.)