

Minutes
Senate Scholastic Standards Committee
March 18, 2008
(Approved Apr. 1, 2008)

Members: (attending members in bold): **Andrew Moiseff (Chair)**, **John Bennett**, **Francine DeFranco**, Gerald Dunne, **Gerald Gianutsos**, Lynne Goodstein, Lawrence Gramling, **Katrina Higgins**, **Dirk Keaton**, Jose Machado, Diane Lillo-Martin, **Jeffrey von Munkwitz-Smith**, **Yuhang Rong**, Lauren Smith, David Wagner, **Robert Weiner**

1. The February 26, 2008 minutes were approved

2. We reported on the meeting between Cathy Cocks (Director of the Office of Community Standards) with the academic misconduct proposal subcommittee (Moiseff, Gianutsos & Gramling) to discuss the feedback from the last Senate meeting.

We agreed that the bylaw should defer detailed procedural matters to The Student Code. When we again present the proposal to the Senate we will provide additional information – verbatim sections of The Student Code – as supporting documentation that will inform the Senate of the detailed procedures that will be followed.

The subcommittee presented a slightly revised version of the academic misconduct proposal to the SSC for approval. Accepted changes included providing a mechanism for Deans to initiate misconduct proceedings, clarification that students will receive a temporary ‘I’ grade until the matter is resolved and an appropriate grade is submitted, clarification that the in Provost’s decision in appeals is final, and the removal of the section concerning grade appeals. (The grade appeal section was removed from the academic misconduct proposal since it was already covered in the section of the bylaws concerning grade appeals.) The committee discussed but did not accept proposed changes concerning the faculty timeline for notifying a student of alleged misconduct, and proposed changes to decrease the time for a student to respond.

The revised proposal was approved unanimously for presentation at the next Senate meeting.

3. The Registrar provided some data about the number of part-time students at the University: 6% of our students are part-time. These students distribute themselves as 2% of the population at Storrs, and 25% of the population at the regional campuses.

The committee reviewed and discussed a draft plan that would make part-time students eligible for ‘Academic Year Dean’s List.’ The draft was revised to clarify the 12 month period during which a part-time student would have to be registered for 12 calculable credits. We also clarified that to be considered part-time for the part-time Dean’s List a student would have to have not met the requirement for full-time status at any time during the previously stated 12 month period. In part, this clarification would prevent cases where a full-time student might want to drop to part-time status by withdrawing from courses that would make him/her ineligible for a semester Dean’s List. This is consistent with the intent of the part-time Dean’s List proposal, which is not to lower the eligibility standards but rather to make this recognition available to academically qualified students who are ineligible solely due to their part-time status.

The following draft document was approved by email following our meeting, and distributed to the Council of Associate Deans for comment:

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Distribute for Discussion

DRAFT Proposed bylaw change - Dean's List policy DRAFT

Background:

Presently, only full-time students are eligible for Dean's List. Senate scholastic standards committee has been asked to study whether Dean's List recognition should be available to part-time students. We are soliciting input about 1) whether to offer Dean's List recognition to part-time students and if so, 2) the suitability of the following proposal, **Please send comments/concerns to andrew.moiseff@uconn.edu.**

(Additions to the existing bylaw are underlined.)

Dean's List

Semi-annually the deans of the various schools and colleges shall issue a list of those full-time students who for the previous semester (a) were registered for at least twelve calculable credits, (b) received no mark below C nor received a U in any course, (c) earned at least a 3.0 semester grade point average, and (d) were in the upper quartile of their respective school or college.

Annually, at the conclusion of the Spring semester, the deans of the various schools and colleges shall issue a list of those students who did not attain full-time status at any time during the previous 12 months, but who, during this 12 month period (including summer and intercession sessions) (a) were registered for a total of at least twelve calculable credits, (b) received no mark below C nor received a U in any course, (c) earned at least a 3.0 grade point average, and (d) were in the upper quartile of their respective school or college based on the Spring data. [note: These students will receive the distinction: "Dean's List (Part-time)".]