

University Senate Executive Committee
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Background:

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the switch to online teaching are felt inequitably across the student body, depending on students' ability to access resources for on-line learning, and disruptions have occurred to student life. In response to this distortion in the assessment process, the Senate has recently voted, in two separate electronic ballots to modify University Senate by-law II.E.3.b, Scholastic Standing, Grades, Pass-Fail Option, that substantially relax rules on students for the number of courses that can be taken by undergraduates with Pass-Fail grading and the deadline for making such an election. These changes are explicitly applicable as temporary measures for this semester only. The same rationale can apply to Scholastic Honors. In particular, one condition is that an undergraduate must be registered in a semester for 12 credits that are calculable for grade points to earn the Dean's List designation, or must be registered over a year for 12 calculable credits to earn the Dean's List (Part-time) designation. Undergraduates whose disabilities warrant the adjustment of carrying less than a full-time course load per semester can be eligible for Dean's List. In this spirit, this motion relaxes the calculable credits rule qualification for Dean's List for undergraduates for the Spring 2020 semester only.

II.F.1 *Dean's List*

Semi-annually the deans of the various schools and colleges shall issue a list of those full-time degree-seeking 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 degree-seeking 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 intersession 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)".] **For Spring semester 2020 only, the calculable credits required to qualify for Dean's List are reduced to six and for Dean's List (Part-time) are reduced to nine.**