

Date: November 18, 2012

To: Ed Jernigan, Faculty President

From: Brian Cooper, Chair, FAPSC

Re: Motion to revise the wording of the Academic Honors policy

On November 9, 2012, the Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee moved that we adopt the following changes to the "Dean's List" section of the Academic Honors policy. The changes were proposed by the Associate Deans because the current wording of this policy often misleads part-time students into thinking that they may not be eligible for the Dean's List when in fact they may—just as they may be eligible for the Chancellor's List. The proposed new wording parallels that of the "Chancellor's List" section, which would not be changed. The entire current policy is reproduced below for reference.

Proposed new language:

**CHANCELLOR'S LIST** [unchanged]

**DEAN'S LIST**

The Dean's List recognizes undergraduate degree-seeking students with superb records of academic performance. To qualify for the Dean's List during the fall or spring semester, a full-time student must earn a grade point average of at least 3.4 and not more than 3.79 in 12 or more semester hours of credit graded A, B, or C, with no grade less than C. A part-time student must earn a combined fall and spring grade point average of at least 3.4 and not more than 3.79 in 12 or more semester hours of credit graded A, B, or C, with no grade less than C. To qualify for the Dean's List as a part-time student, a student must enroll on a part-time basis in both fall and spring semesters in the same academic year. Students who receive the grade of AU, H, or P are not excluded from recognition as long as 12 hours are completed with A, B, or C. Students who receive the grade of D, F, I, NR, or N are not eligible for recognition. Dean's List recognition appears on the student's academic record (official transcript).

**GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION** [unchanged]

Existing language:

**CHANCELLOR'S LIST**

The Chancellor's List recognizes undergraduate degree-seeking students with outstanding records of academic performance. To qualify for the Chancellor's List during the fall or spring semester, a full-time student must earn a grade point average of at least 3.8 in 12 or more semester hours of credit graded A, B, or C, with no grade less than C. A part-time student must earn a combined fall and spring grade point average of at least 3.8 in 12 or more semester hours of credit graded A, B, or C, with no grade less than C. To qualify for the Chancellor's List as a part-time student, a student must enroll on a part-time basis in both fall and spring semesters in the same academic year. Students who receive the grade of AU, H, or P are not excluded from recognition as long as 12 hours are completed with A, B, or C. Students who receive the grade of D, F, I, NR, or N are not eligible for recognition. Chancellor's List recognition appears on the student's academic record (official transcript).

**DEAN'S LIST**

The Dean's List recognizes undergraduate degree-seeking full-time students who earn a grade point average of at least 3.4 and not more than 3.79 and meet all other criteria as described for the Chancellor's List. Dean's List recognition appears on the student's academic record (official transcript).

**GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION**

Students may earn undergraduate degrees at different levels of distinction: Cum Laude ("With Honor"), Magna Cum Laude ("With Great Honor"), and Summa Cum Laude ("With Highest Honor"). Each of the undergraduate degrees is awarded Cum Laude when the graduating student's cumulative grade point average is 3.4 or more but less than 3.7, Magna Cum Laude when it is at least 3.7 but less than 3.9, and Summa Cum Laude when it is at least 3.9. To be eligible to graduate with distinction, a student must have a grade point average computed on at least 48 semester hours of credit completed in residence at UNC Charlotte.