**Associate/Assistant Deans Council**

**Agenda for March 21, 2023**

**Summer Meeting: Thursday, June 29**

**CONTINUED AGENDA ITEMS**

**Graduate Studies – Discussion Items**

Carl Mummert

* Designating college approvers for graduate dynamic forms
* Significant upcoming changes to BOG policies on Graduate Faculty Status
* Minor proposed change to the Graduate Academic Dishonesty policy

**Alternative Suspension Update**– Text has been approved and submitted for addition to the catalog.

**Honors Eligibility – Policy Proposal**

Sherri Stepp

* Revised text attached for discussion.
* Exception for RBA added.
* Clarification on hours and GPA used for honors at commencement ceremony.

**Clarification for Academic Forgiveness**

Sherri Stepp

* Academic Forgiveness Policy recently updated – needs clarification regarding honors eligibility.
	+ There is some wiggle room in the current wording.
	+ Proposing clarification: Students who received academic forgiveness are not eligible to graduate with honors.
* This is a clarification, not a policy change.

**NEW AGENDA ITEMS**

**Navigate Attendance Data**

Chris Atkins

**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION**

**BUDGET AND ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**SR-22-23-XX** [This number will be generated in the Faculty Senate office]

Recommends the adjustment of language in the Marshall University Undergraduate Catalog to clarify the exact credit hours needed to calculate honors graduation eligibility.

**RATIONALE: Greg Michaelson is rewriting rationale.**

~~The proposed edits to the Marshall University Undergraduate Catalog will update language to clarify the honors graduation calculation process. Currently, the process is being conducted in multiple ways because of the way the policy is written. The way the current policy is interpreted is that the student must have a minimum of 32 upper-level MU hours, the 50% is confusing as students who have 100 MU hours, for example, would need 50 hours of upper level the way this is written. This policy should be clarified as to its intent, and then written to reflect that intent. This change is intended to improve continuity across colleges for honors graduation credit hour reviews.~~

Note: Policy change request submitted by Associate Deans Council.

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Current Catalog Language

**Honors Graduation**

*Baccalaureate Degree*
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* Summa cum laude (3.85 and above)
* Magna cum laude (3.60 to 3.84)
* Cum laude (3.30 to 3.59)

*Note:* Honor calculations are not rounded.

For May graduates, honors recognition at Commencement is based on academic standing prior to the Spring term. For December graduates, honors recognition at Commencement is based on academic standing prior to the Fall term. The diploma and transcript will reflect honors standing after calculation of final grades.

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First Proposed Change

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The grade point average calculated for honors eligibility is based on all baccalaureate-level course work attempted at Marshall University and any attempted transfer course work completed at another institution of higher education prior to receipt of baccalaureate degree.   Grades of CR or NC are not included as part of the GPA calculation.  Students must meet all graduation requirements including the number of residency hours required for their specific program of study.  Students in the Regent’s Bachelor of Arts Program must complete 24 hours of credit at Marshall University to be eligible for Honors recognition.

Honors recognition at Commencement ceremonies is based on the student’s overall GPA and completion of hours at the start of the term in which the ceremony is held.

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