

## Shared Governance Proposal – A-State Honors List Criteria

- I. Date: December 4, 2019
- II. Sponsoring Constituent: Undergraduate Enrollment Management and Academic Policy Committee
- III. Statement of the Issue:

The Undergraduate Enrollment Management and Academic Policy Committee (UEAPC) proposes a change in the criteria for Chancellor's List and Dean's List honors to place these distinctions closer in line with graduation honors. Our current honors awards are as follows:

### **Honor Roll**

An honor roll consisting of the Chancellor's List and the Dean's List is published at the close of each semester. In order to qualify, students must complete a minimum of twelve semester hours of degree-credit courses.

### **Chancellor's List**

Full-time students whose grade point average for the semester is within the range of **3.8 to 4.0**.

### **Dean's List**

Full-time students whose grade point average for the semester is within the range of **3.6 to 3.79**.

The UEAPC proposes a change to the following:

### **HONOR ROLL**

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### **Chancellor's List**

Full-time students whose grade point average for the semester is **4.00**.

### **Dean's List**

Full-time students whose grade point average for the semester is within the range of **3.60 to 3.99**.

- IV. Rational for Proposal:

- 1) **A modification of the existing policy will provide a more reasonable distribution of the Dean's and Chancellor's lists.**

For example, in the fall of 2018, 1,626 students were on the Chancellor's list, well over 10% of the population, whereas only half of that number, 802 students, were on the Dean's list; those numbers should be reversed to reflect highest distinction. Because the Chancellor's list is the highest distinction for a given term, it should be reserved for students accomplishing the greatest distinction. At least 3 other universities in Arkansas

have a Chancellor's list, and use either 3.9 (UALR) or 4.0 (UAF, UAM) as the criterion; thus, A-State would be more in line with other universities. It also would be consistent with our recognition of graduation honors of Summa Cum Laude as the highest level of recognition.

**2) Maintaining the Dean's List GPA cut-score of 3.60 (to 3.99) matches A-State's lowest academic distinction (cum laude).**

Using 3.60 as the cutoff for the Dean's list would (a) be consistent with our graduation honors (Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude), (b) would still recognize the students who excel, and (c) keep the numbers of recognized students the same as with the current policy.

- V. Type of review (i.e., expedited, full, or extended)

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