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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Revision to Honor's Policy

Academic Affairs Committee

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Executive Committee  
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Academic Senate

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Second Reading

## **Background**

The Honors Policy was changed during semester conversion, such that now the requirement to get onto the President's List is inconsistent with the requirement to get on the Dean's List.

The Dean's List policy requires that students complete a full-time (i.e., minimum 12-units) academic term with a 3.5 GPA to qualify—which is the same as it was before conversion; however, the President's List policy was changed so that students no longer have to be enrolled full-time to qualify (i.e., now only need a minimum of 8-units each term). The Senate Report showing this change is attached.

It is tradition for a President's List to have a more significant requirement than the Dean's List. It is also standard in higher education for students to be enrolled full-time in credit bearing courses to qualify for honors lists. As such, I am requesting a review and possible revision of the current President's List requirements.

### **Effective August 23, 2018:**

#### **Dean's Honor List**

The Dean's List, announced at the end of each semester, honors undergraduate students who have completed at the University 12 or more letter grade units during the semester with a 3.5 or better grade point average for Cal Poly coursework. Students taking preparatory coursework must obtain C (2.0) letter grades or better in their preparatory courses and make satisfactory progress toward completion of remediation requirements to remain on the Dean's List.

Each student on the Dean's List should be celebrated by the University with a minimum of a letter from the appropriate Dean and any further honors the College wishes to bestow.

#### **President's Honor List**

The President's Honor List, announced at the end of the spring semester, honors undergraduate students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or better for completion at the University of 8 or more units during any two semesters of a university year.

### **Past Requirements:**

#### **Dean's Honor List**

To qualify for the Dean's list, a student must have at least 12 units in the quarter and have a Cal Poly Pomona grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Please check with your college for more information about this honor.

#### **President's Honor List**

To be eligible for the President's Honor List, students must qualify for the Dean's list for 3 out of four quarters during the academic year. Students who do make this list receive a personal letter of congratulations from the President.

**Recommended Resources:** **Recommended Resources:** CPP Honor List info on the web (including both pre- and post-conversion language): <https://www.cpp.edu/~president/honoring-excellence/presidents-honor-list.shtml> (See language below)

**Attachment 1:**

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2070179/36745860/443378269/aa012156sen.pdf>

**Resources Consulted**

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**Discussion:**

This omission seemed to be an oversight. We ultimately agreed with the overall recommendation. However, we considered that graduating seniors might want to maintain or attain the status, but might not need quite as many units to graduate. We did not want to force graduating seniors into an extra course, which might hinder students who need the course from attaining it. However, we also want to maintain the integrity of the honor. Hence, we settled on a 9 unit exemption for graduating seniors in their final semester only.

**Recommendation:**

We recommend aligning the awards. We recommend the following minor changes for alignment, with the following caveat.

**Dean's Honor List**

The Dean's List, announced at the end of each semester, honors undergraduate students who have completed, at Cal Poly Pomona, 12 or more letter grade units during the semester with a 3.5 or better grade point average.

Each student on the Dean's List should be celebrated by the University with a minimum of a letter from the appropriate Dean and any further honors the College wishes to bestow.

**President's Honor List**

The President's Honor List, announced at the end of the spring semester, honors undergraduate students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or better for completion at the University (Cal Poly Pomona) of 12 or more units during any two semesters of a university year.

Graduating seniors may still achieve either the Dean's or President's Honor's list who have a grade point average of 3.5 or better for completion at the University (Cal Poly Pomona) of 12 or more units during one semester, but the final semester may be 9 units if this is all that is required for graduation.