

**Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee Meeting
February 20, 2015
310A Council Room, LSU Union**

Meeting opened at 11:00am with quorum; Graham Bodie presiding, minutes recorded by Doug McMillin.

In attendance:

- Voting members – Fakhri Al-Bagdadi, Graham Bodie (proxies for Gerry Knapp and Sarah Bartolome), Arend Van Gemmert for Alex Garn, Doug McMillin (proxy for Cathy Williams), Suzanne Stauffer, Gary King
- Non-voting members – Gil Reeve, Robert Doolos, Paul Ivey, Michael Blandino, Walt Holliday

Minutes from January 23, 2015 were unanimously approved

I. Kinesiology Proposal – Increase in GPA Requirement for Admission & Retention Policies.

In response to a question, Gil Reeve and Robert Doolos clarified that reference to a letter grade, for example, B, in the Catalog statement includes the full range of that grade, for example B+, B, and B-, so that a minus grade will satisfy a requirement for a minimum letter grade in a specific course, for example, a B- will satisfy the requirement for a B. Robert Doolos indicated that plus/minus grading information will appear in the next catalog (2015-2016).

Motion to approve (Bodie), seconded (Stauffer), 9 in favor with one abstention.

II. Registrar's Office Change in Senior Status Proposal.

Graham Bodie reported the only additional feedback on this proposal he had received was positive feedback from the College of Engineering.

Motion to approve (Bodie), seconded (Al-Bagdadi), unanimous approval

III. Registrar's Proposal: Latin Honors and University Medal for Combined Curricula.

Robert Doolos noted that the criteria for awarding Latin Honors and the University Medal for students in a combined curricula program needed to be specified and added to the University catalog. He presented a proposal to combine the hours attempted and quality points earned while the student was an undergraduate with the hours attempted and quality points earned in the first year of a professional program to determine the overall GPA for purposes of selecting recipients of both Latin Honors and the University Medal. There are currently two combined curricula programs: the Ag College program with the Vet School and an HSS program with the Law Center.

In response to a question from Michael Blandino about the determination of College honors for the combined curricula programs, Robert indicated that the conversion algorithm for converting

numerical grades from the Law Center to letter grades needs to be updated to reflect the new plus and minus grades and that he would talk with the College of Agriculture regarding how they administer their program with the Vet School.

No vote was taken, and Robert will present more information regarding this proposal at the next meeting.

IV. Additional Discussion

Robert Doolos distributed the University guidelines for plus and minus grades and the revised Catalog statement regarding Grading Systems. He indicated that committee members could distribute these documents to their colleagues.

Gil Reeve indicated that he had met with Student Government about plus and minus grades and there was now better understanding by Student Government of this grading system. He pointed out that plus and minus grades should be assigned using the existing grade ranges and that grade ranges should not be widened to incorporate plus and minus grades. Thus, if the existing grade range for a C is 79-70, a C- might be assigned for grades of 72, 71, and 70 and a C+ for 79, 78, and 77. He also stated that, assuming that there were students with a greater than 4.0 GPA, all students with at least a 4.0 would be named a University medalist. For example, if there was a student with a 4.1 average and other students with a 4.0 average, all students with a 4.0 or higher GPA would be named as medalists rather than only the student with a 4.1 average.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Al-Bagdadi and seconded by Stauffer, and the vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned 11:40 AM.

Remaining meeting schedule for the Spring 2015 semester:

- Friday, March 20, 11:00-12:00, LSU Union Council Room 310A
- Friday, April 17, 11:00-12:00, LSU Union Council Room 310A
- Friday, May 1, 11:00-12:00, LSU Union Council Room 310A