

Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee  
October 19, 2018  
Caddo Room (305), LSU Union

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cathleen Williams at 1:30 pm.  
Members present:  
Voting: Cathy Williams, Jeff Roland, Alex Garn, Greg Griffin, Bob Newman, Gary King, Suzanne Stauffer, Kanchan Maiti  
Non-voting advisors: Andrea Jones, Walt Holiday, Michael Blandino, Ex-Officio: Clay Benton
2. Minutes of the September, 2018 meeting were discussed. Motion by Maiti, second by Garn, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
3. First reading on significantly revised University Medalist proposal
  - King expressed concern about our definition of excellence we want to reward, should student board be involved to understand their view on this
  - King pointed out some faculty do not award A+ grade and suggested registrar's office may consider truncation of grades instead of GPA to remove this uncertainty.
  - Newman suggested that would be unfair for students who did get a A+
  - Griffin mentioned some colleges tend to have higher grade average than others.
  - Stauffer asked whether the increase is due to some other reason besides new GPA system
  - King asked whether the change can be due to change in quality of students.
  - Newman mentioned statistically no other reason can be attributed to this increase.
  - King: student quality is determined by more than GPA.
  - Question was asked about transfer credit from other institutions that use +/- grading. Clay Benton provided the following information:
    - o When transferring work from other institutions that utilized a +/- scale, admissions enters the course hours and grades, but the quality points are automatically computed using LSU's scale. So, for example, an A+ that is transferred in will be awarded 4.3 quality points per hour, regardless of how that A+ was translated in to quality points at the other school.
  - Roland: move to table this proposal till the beginning of the next academic year when more data will be available
  - Stauffer: second
  - Motion passed to read the revised version of this proposal at the first meeting of the next academic year with one abstain and zero oppose.
4. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM (Motion by Maiti, second by Williams).