PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN FACULTY RULE 3335-9-33, "STANDARDS FOR HONORS AT GRADUATION"

WHEREAS beginning with Autumn Quarter 2003, the university implemented several policy and practice changes related to graduation and finals for graduating seniors,

WHEREAS those policy changes were never appropriately incorporated into this administrative rule,

WHEREAS there have been some questions among the college offices regarding what credit hours are or are not included within the requirements of this administrative rule,

WHEREAS there has been inconsistent application of standards regarding credit hours within the requirements of this administrative rule,

WHEREAS in Winter 2007, the Council on Enrollment and Student Progress approved the proposal,

WHEREAS in Spring 2007, the Council on Academic Affairs approved the proposal,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approve the proposal to change Faculty Rule 3335-9-33 regarding the standards for awarding honors at graduation, and respectfully request concurrence by the Board of Trustees, and proposal to be effective for the next full quarter after approval by the Board of Trustees.

3335-9-33 Standards for honors at graduation.

(A) Degrees "cum laude," "magna cum laude," and "summa cum laude" may be granted for exceptional achievement in the curriculum of each college or other enrollment unit. The designation "summa cum laude" may be granted only for those students who have achieved at least a 3.90 cumulative point-hour ratio as of the term penultimate to their graduation, at the time of graduation. The designation "magna cum laude" may be granted only for those students who have achieved at least a 3.70 cumulative point-hour ratio as of the term penultimate to their graduation, at the time of graduation. The designation "cum laude" may be granted only for those students who have achieved at least a 3.50 cumulative point-hour ratio as of the term penultimate to their graduation, at the time of graduation.

1. Should a student not meet the criteria noted above as of the term penultimate to his or her graduation, but meet the criteria based on his or her cumulative GPA at the time of graduation, he or she will be considered as having met the criteria to graduate with the appropriately revised recognition.

2. Should a student meet the criteria noted above as of the term penultimate to his or her graduation, but drop below the threshold with his or her final cumulative GPA, he or she will not be considered to lose his or her Latin Honors recognition for graduation.

(B) Eligibility for these honors shall be based on a minimum of ninety credit hours of course enrollment at this university. The marks for all Ohio state coursework considered toward the degree will be included in calculating a
student's eligibility for such honors. Credits in courses graded “S/U,” as well as credits earned in repeatable coursework will be considered as counting toward the 90 credit hours. Credits in courses graded “PA/NP,” as well as credits earned in coursework repeated under rule 3335-8-28 of the Administrative Code will not be considered as counting toward the 90 credit hours. For a student who has completed ninety credit hours subsequent to application of a fresh start, in accordance with rule 3335-8-261 of the Administrative Code, only those marks received for coursework subsequent to fresh start will be considered toward calculating a student's eligibility for such honors.

(C) Standards for graduation "with distinction in [special subject(s)]" and "with honors in [ ]" shall be as adopted by the council on academic affairs. Eligibility for these honors shall be based on a minimum of ninety credit hours of course enrollment at this university. The marks for all Ohio state coursework considered toward the degree will be included in calculating a student's eligibility for such honors. Credits in courses graded “S/U” and credits earned in repeatable coursework will be considered as counting toward the 90 credit hours. Credits in courses graded “PA/NP” and credits earned in coursework repeated under rule 3335-8-28 of the Administrative Code will not be considered as counting toward the 90 credit hours.