

Scholastic Standards Committee

To the University Senate

March 9, 2026

Background:

Concerns regarding the way in which the Dean's List is calculated for Part-Time students were brought to the Senate Scholastic Standards Committee via an undergraduate student.

The Scholastic Standards Committee considered their concerns and put together a subcommittee focused on reviewing the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate related to the Part-Time Dean's List. The Sub-Committee included Sarah Croucher, Christine Wenzel, Brian Rockwood, Morty Ortega, Jennifer Lease Butts and Lindsay Cummings.

Summary of Action:

This resolution seeks to update the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate Article II.F.1 (Dean's List) to change the way in which the Dean's List is calculated for Part-Time students.

Current calculations for Part-Time Dean's List eligibility do not dictate the number of credits utilized in the Spring Part Time Dean's List calculation. The proposed language aims to ensure a more accurate accounting of a student's overall performance. By allowing only fall and spring grades in the calculation, the revised language also ensures consistency with students on the Dean's List. The updated language also makes it clear that two semesters of grades are used to calculate an Annual Part-Time Dean's List against the full population of the school/college across both semesters.

Proposed By-Law Change (track changes; since February 2 Meeting):

Text in purple was presented on February 2; text in green is the new language

F.1 Dean's List

Semi-annually the deans of the various schools and colleges shall issue a list of those full-time degree-seeking students who for the previous semester

- (a) 1. were registered for at least twelve calculable credits,
- (b) 2. received no mark below 'C' nor received a 'U' in any course,
- (c) 3. earned at least a 3.0 semester grade point average, and
- (d) 4. were in the upper quartile of their respective school or college.

~~Annually, at the conclusion of the Spring semester, the deans of the various schools and colleges shall issue a list of those degree-seeking students who did not attain full-time status at any time during the previous 12 months, but who, during this 12 month period (including summer and intersession sessions) (a) were registered for a total of at least twelve calculable credits, (b) received no mark below 'C' nor received a 'U' in any course, (c) earned at least a 3.0 grade point average, and (d) were in the upper quartile of their respective school or college based on the Spring data. [note: These students will receive the distinction: "Dean's List (Part-time)".]~~

Students with a reduced courseload accommodation are eligible for the full-time Fall and Spring Dean's lists.

An annual part-time dean's list for each school or college is calculated at the end of each spring semester.

To be eligible, a student:

1. Must not have attained full-time status at any time during the previous 12 months,
2. Must have earned at least 12 calculatable credits across the previous 12-month period (including non-required terms) at least nine of which must be in the Fall and Spring semesters,
3. Must have completed at least one credit in the spring semester,
4. Must have a Fall and Spring GPA (i.e. required semesters only) – using the standard procedure employed by the Registrar to calculate a two-semester GPA – at or above the mean of the 75th percentile for Fall and Spring of the school or college in which they are enrolled at the conclusion of the Spring semester.
5. ~~Must have received no mark below a 'C' nor received a 'U' in any course across the 12-month period, and~~
6. ~~Their combined Fall and Spring GPA (i.e. required semesters only) must place them in the upper quartile of the school or college in which they are enrolled at~~

~~the conclusion of the Spring semester based on the mean combined Fall and Spring GPA data of that school/college.~~

Students will receive the distinction “~~Dean’s List (Part-Time)~~” “**Annual Part-Time Dean’s List**” upon satisfying these requirements. This distinction will be published in the Spring semester of their transcript. ~~even though it shall be designated as “Annual Part-Time Dean’s List.”~~

Proposed By-Law Change (track changes; from original by-laws):

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2. Must have earned at least 12 calculatable credits across the previous 12-month period (including non-required terms) at least nine of which must be in the Fall and Spring semesters,
3. Must have completed at least one credit in the spring semester,

4. Must have a Fall and Spring GPA (i.e. required semesters only) – using the standard procedure employed by the Registrar to calculate a two-semester GPA – at or above the mean of the 75th percentile GPA for Fall and Spring of the school or college in which they are enrolled at the conclusion of the Spring semester.

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2. Must have earned at least 12 calculable credits across the previous 12-month period (including non-required terms) at least nine of which must be in the Fall and Spring semesters,
3. Must have completed at least one credit in the Spring semester,
4. Must have a Fall and Spring GPA (i.e. required semesters only)--using the standard procedure employed by the Registrar to calculate a two-semester GPA--at or above the mean of the 75th percentile GPA for Fall and Spring of the school or college in which they are enrolled at the conclusion of the Spring semester.

Students will receive the distinction of “Annual Part-Time Dean’s List” upon satisfying these requirements. This distinction will be published on the Spring semester of their transcript.

Final Approved Language, Amended on the Senate Floor During the March 9, 2026 Meeting:

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5. Must not have attained full-time status at any time during the previous 12 months,
6. Must have earned at least 12 calculable credits across the previous 12-month period (including non-required terms) at least nine of which must be in the Fall and Spring semesters, [when full-time students are also eligible for a Dean's List](#),
7. Must have completed at least one credit in the Spring semester,
8. Must have a Fall and Spring GPA (i.e. required semesters only)--using the standard procedure employed by the Registrar to calculate a two-semester GPA--at or above the mean of the 75th percentile GPA for Fall and Spring of the school or college in which they are enrolled at the conclusion of the Spring semester.

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The amendment passed unanimously by voice vote

The amended resolution passed unanimously by voice vote