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TO: 
Dr. John B. Clark, Interim College President

FROM: 
The Faculty Senate Meeting on: April 18, 2005

RE: 
☞ 1. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
☞ 2. Recommendation (Urge the Fitness of)
☞ 3. Other, For Your Information: (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJ: 
Academic Honors (pro 04-04.03)

Signed: Dawn M. Jones  Date: April 20, 2005
(D: Dawn M. Jones, 2004-2005 College Senate President)

Please fill out the bottom portion and return document to the College Senate Office.

TO: 
The College Senate

FROM: 
Dr. John B. Clark, Interim College President

RE: ☞ 1. **Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution** (circle)
     a. Accepted. Effective Date: __/__/05
     b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on __/__/05
     c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II, III. **Response to Recommendation or Other/FYI**
     a. Received and acknowledged __/__/05
     b. Comment:

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DISTRIBUTED BY PROVOST’S OFFICE TO: Deans Council
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Signed: John B. Clark  Date: 4/24/05
(D: John B. Clark, Interim College President, SUNY College at Brockport)

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 23

Submit all proposals to the Faculty Senate President electronically or on a disk with a hard copy.
Please provide cover page information requested.
facprez@brockport.edu, fsenate@brockport.edu
Faculty Senate Office, 426 Allen Building

NUMBER TO BE ASSIGNED BY SENATE OFFICE

1. PROPOSAL TITLE:
Please be somewhat descriptive, for example, Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal rather than Graduate Proposal.

ACADEMIC HONORS
Request for Change of Dean’s List Levels and Criteria, and Change in Latin Graduation Honors

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:
- Raise minimum GPA from 3.25 to 3.4, and establish differentiated levels of Dean’s List, including a President’s List for those achieving 4.0, to be effective Fall 2005
- Raise minimum standards for various levels of Latin Graduation Honors
- Dean’s List and President’s List designations be recorded and printed on students’ official transcripts beginning Fall 2005.

3. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES: PLEASE DATE ALL UPDATED DOCUMENTS and resubmit to the Senate Office electronically prior to Senate review and vote at fsenate@brockport.edu.

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*(ROUTING NUMBER WILL BE A CHRONOLOGICAL NUMBER SEQUENCE FOLLOWED BY COMMITTEE INITIALS)*
ACADEMIC HONORS

Rationale: To have value and credibility, academic honors must be selective and recognize the highest achieving students. Our current standards allow a high percentage of students to achieve honors, and the standards are generally lower than those at other SUNY colleges.

Additional supporting documentation is attached. This shows how many students now achieve or would achieve Dean’s List and Latin Honors at various GPA break points.

Below are two proposals. Proposal 1 is for Dean’s List and Proposal 2 is for Latin Honors. They may be considered separately.

Proposal 1: Dean’s List
Based on Fall 2003 and Spring 2003, almost 32% of SUNY Brockport students achieved Dean’s List, based on the current criterion of 3.25 or above. Our threshold of 3.25 is below the threshold at most other SUNY schools.

Proposal:
Increase the minimum requirement for attaining the Dean’s List, and add differentiated Dean’s List designations (as is done in Latin Honors).

Dean’s List
Only students who have met the following criteria will qualify for inclusion on the Dean’s List:
- Have earned a 3.40 to 3.69 GPA in the semester.
- Have completed a minimum of six indexable hours in the semester.
- Have received no failing grade and no Incomplete grade. The Dean’s List honor is not awarded retroactively when an “I” grade is later changed to a letter grade and raises the GPA for the semester in which the “I” was issued.

Differentiated Dean’s List/President’s List
- Students who have met the above and earned a 3.70 to 3.99 GPA will receive the designation of Dean’s List With Honors.
- Students who have met the above and earned a 4.0 GPA will be included in the President’s List of academically excellent students.

Implementation
The Registrar has investigated Banner’s capabilities and we can only award semester academic honors that are based on End of Term GPA’s. Although Banner can track graduation requirements based on Catalog Term, it is unable to calculate varying academic honors that are based on this. This eliminates a phased implementation based on matriculation dates. Implementation would take place in Fall 2005.

Announcement of this policy change should be well-publicized in Your Right to Know, The Stylus, and in the semester Schedule of Classes when it takes effect.

Proposal 2- Latin Honors
Graduation honors require that a minimum of 48 credits be earned at SUNY Brockport. A maximum of 24 of these credits taken on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis may be counted in this 48 credit minimum (current policy, p. 56 UG catalog). Graduation honors are determined on the basis of the following cumulative indexes.
3.40 to 3.59 Cum Laude
3.60 to 3.79 Magna Cum Laude
3.80 to 4.0 Summa Cum Laude

Implementation:

- These standards will apply to all baccalaureate degree recipients whose most recent matriculation date at SUNY College at Brockport is Fall 2005 or later.

Announcement of this policy change should be well-publicized in Your Right to Know, The Stylus, and in the semester Schedule of Classes when it takes effect.

Appendix A

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*3.25 for freshman

** range from 3.1 freshmen to 3.4 seniors