

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 8, 2013

**To:** Karen Roche, Secretary of the University

**From:** Brenda Winter, University Registrar

**Subject:** Medal and Awards for Graduating Students

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Recently a working group of Dean's Council has been reviewing the awarding of Deans' Medals in order to provide an improved distribution and to recognize more of our outstanding scholars at graduation.

The attached description outlines the proposal that resulted from that review. It has the support of Deans' Council.

I have also included in that proposal a revised method of calculating averages for the other major medals awarded which I would like to see referred to the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards committee.

I am respectfully requesting that this be included on the agenda of the next Senate meeting.

### **Governor General's Gold Medal**

Awarded to the graduate student who achieves the highest academic standing (minimum 80% weighted overall average) in a Master's degree program, based on the required work of the Master's degree. The Master's program must be completed within the allowable time limit as published in the Calendar and all courses must have been taken at Lakehead University.

### **\*Governor General's Silver Medal**

Awarded to the full-time student who achieves the highest academic standing (minimum 80% weighted overall average) in an Honours Bachelor's degree or equivalent. All courses of the final year must have been taken at Lakehead University, and the student must have been registered full-time in each year of his/her program.

### **\*Governor General's College Bronze Medal**

Awarded to the full-time student who achieves the highest academic standing (minimum 80% weighted overall average) in an undergraduate diploma program (minimum two years full-time duration). All courses of the final year must have been taken at Lakehead University, and the student must have been registered full-time in each year of his/her program.

### **\*Chancellor's Medal**

Awarded to the part-time (on or off-campus) student who achieves the highest academic standing (minimum 80% weighted overall average) in the Bachelor's or Honours Bachelor's degree program. All courses of the final year must have been taken at Lakehead University and no more than three and one-half full course equivalents may have been taken during a single academic session.

### **\*Vice-Chancellor's Medal**

Awarded to the full-time student who achieves the highest academic standing (minimum 80% weighted overall average) in the three year Bachelor's degree program. All courses of the final year must have been taken at Lakehead University, and the student must have been registered full-time in each year of his/her program.

### **\*Dean Braun's Medals**

To the highest ranking graduating students in the Faculty of Business Administration, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Natural Resources Management and Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences.

[Note: Dean Braun's Medal would not be awarded for each program but awarded just to the top student in each Faculty. Department/school awards added below. These may be named in honor of Dean Braun if the Faculty wishes]

### **Orillia Campus Dean's Medal**

To the highest-ranking student in the Honours Bachelor of Arts and Sciences and Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree program.

### **Social Sciences and Humanities Medals**

Awarded to the highest ranking graduating students in the Bachelor's and in the Honours Bachelor's degree programs. Awarded at the discretion of the Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities.

### **Science and Environmental Studies Medals**

Awarded to the highest ranking graduating students in the Bachelor's and in the Honours Bachelor's degree programs. Awarded at the discretion of the Dean of Science and Environmental Studies.

### **William A. West Education Medal**

Awarded to the highest ranking graduating student in Education. Awarded at the discretion of the Dean of Education.

### **Faculty Scholar Awards**

#### **Faculty of Business Administration Scholar**

Awarded to the highest ranking graduating student in the Bachelor's and in the Honours Bachelor's degree programs.

\*\*Awards may be named at the discretion of the Faculty.

#### **Faculty of Education Scholar**

Awarded to the highest ranking graduating student in each of the Faculty Departments.

\*\*Awards may be named at the discretion of the Faculty.

#### **Faculty of Engineering Scholar**

Awarded to the highest ranking graduating student in each of the Faculty Departments.

\*\*Awards may be named at the discretion of the Faculty.

#### **Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences Scholar**

Awarded to the highest ranking graduating student in each of the Faculty Schools and Departments.

\*\*Awards may be named at the discretion of the Faculty.

#### **Faculty of Natural Resources Management Scholar**

Awarded to the highest ranking graduating student in the Environmental Management program and in the Forest Management program.

\*\*Awards may be named at the discretion of the Faculty.

#### **Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies Scholar**

Awarded to the highest ranking graduating student in each of the Faculty Departments.

\*\*Awards may be named at the discretion of the Faculty.

#### **Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities Scholar**

Awarded to the highest ranking graduating student in each of the Faculty Departments and Schools.

\*\*Awards may be named at the discretion of the Faculty.

\*Average to be cumulative rather than required work of the final year.

\*\*Departments or Schools may wish to name these awards after a prominent member of Faculty or other mentor