

MEMORANDUM

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To: Senate

From: Anna Foshay, University Registrar

Subject: Revision to Deans' and President's Lists

I, with the agreement of Dean's Council, would like Senate to refer the proposed changes to the Deans' and President's Lists Regulation to the Senate Academic Committee.

Rationale

In October 2007 the Deans' and President's Lists motion was passed with the following wording:

Given the development of automated continuation codes for the assessment of the standing of every Lakehead University student, we are now in a position to recognize students for academic excellence, as mentioned in the Academic Plan. The Committee therefore recommends that Lakehead University recognize all students with a cumulative average of 80% or better to be added to a Dean's List, and all students with a cumulative average of 90% or better to be added to a President's List.

Implementing it proved to be problematic for the following reasons:

1. Is it fair to apply the same standard to a student who was part-time as a student who was full-time?
2. If a student did poorly in one term but then excelled in a following term, should they not be recognized for their achievement? or
3. Are courses taken during the spring/summer term included?

I expressed these concerns at Dean's Council who agreed to incorporate the following:

1. this regulation applies to all undergraduate programs;
2. names appearing on the lists are at the Dean's discretion;
3. eligibility will be determined by term average (whether or not the courses were taken as part of their major or as an elective);
4. decisions for inclusion on the lists will be made at the end of the Fall/Winter term when all other academic decisions are being run;
5. students registered as part-time will be considered for inclusion on the lists at the end of the Fall/Winter term in which they achieve enough courses to move to the next year level, based on their program requirements;

Suggested Wording for the Calendar:

- to be inserted under General Regulations as new item I(d)
- subsequent regulations to be renumbered accordingly

Deans' List

To be eligible to be on a Deans' List, students must:

- a) be pursuing an undergraduate degree;
- b) have achieved a term average of 80% - 89% based on courses taken in the Fall/Winter term as a full-time student;
- c) meet the approval of the Dean

President's List

To be eligible to be on the President's List, students must:

- a) be pursuing an undergraduate degree;
- b) have achieved a 90% or higher term average based on courses taken in the Fall/Winter term as a full-time student;
- c) meet the approval of the Dean and President

NOTE:

1. Students pursuing their undergraduate degree on a part-time basis will be considered for the Deans' List and President's List at the end of the Fall/Winter term in which they will proceed to the next year level. Students should refer to the "Year Level Increments" outlined for their program.