

**AUC Policy Committee Meeting
3-21-23**

Attendance:

- ✓ Erin Rehrig
- ✓ Andrew Klein
- ✓ Mary Beth McKenzie
- ✓ Pamela McCafferty
- ✓ Robert Carr
- ✓ Lisa Grimm
- ✓ Amy Kendrick
- ✓ Laurie Link
- ✓ Irene Martyniuk
- ✓ Patricia Arend
- ✓ Christa Marr
- ✓ Soumitra Basu
- ✓ Karina Bautista
- ✓ Jessica Oehrlein
- ✓ Jiang Yu
- ✓ Amy Wehe
- ✓ Sherry Packard
- ✓ Nadimpalli Mahadev

Motion to approve meeting minutes from 2-14-23.

First: Laurie Link

Second: Pam McCafferty

Vote 12-0-2

AUC 25: Graduation with Honors Policy Update for Transfer Students

Sponsor: Becky Copper

Move to consider: Laurie Link

Second: Pam McCafferty

Summary of Proposal

The current policy states that students must have completed 45 credits at Fitchburg State to graduate with honors. Summa Cum Laude honors require a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher, Magna Cum Laude honors require a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.79, and Cum Laude honors require a cumulative GPA of 3.2 to 3.49.

This proposal would allow students who have a cumulative GPA at Fitchburg State of 3.2 or above but who have completed less than 45 credits at Fitchburg State the opportunity to receive honors recognition at graduation.

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Discussion

Erin: If a transfer student has 45 credits at the University, is the GPA requirement for honors solely based on the 45 credits?

Answer: Yes, the cumulative GPA would be based on the Fitchburg State credits.

Jessica: In the proposal, there is an example of how to calculate the cumulative GPA using GPA from Fitchburg State and from a transfer institution. The example states that if 25% of courses were taken at Fitchburg state and 75% from a transfer institution, you would multiple the Fitchburg State GPA by 0.75 and the transfer GPA by 0.25. Is this a mistake?

Answer: This is a mistake. Each GPA is weighted by percentage of courses completed at a particular institution. In the example, the GPA from the transfer institution would be multiplied by 0.75 and the GPA from Fitchburg State would be multiplied by 0.25. Add a friendly amendment to correct this mistake throughout the entire document.

Andrew: Will calculations be performed manually?

Answer: Yes. Because a minimum GPA of 3.2 from Fitchburg State is required to be considered for honors status, not many students will qualify and therefore it is reasonable to do the calculations manually.

Erin: Is the selection process for honors recognition automatic or do students have to request it?

Answer: The process is automatic

Pam: What happens with students who come in on transfer blocks? Is there a GPA reported for transfer blocks? If not, how would a cumulative GPA be calculated in this situation?

Answer: GPA is usually reported for transfer blocks so this should not pose a problem.

Move to vote: Amy Wehe

Second: Soumitra Basu

Vote to approve AUC Proposal 25 with friendly amendment to correct mistake in weights used in the example calculation of cumulative GPA for transfer students: 15-0-0

Move to adjourn: Pam McCafferty

Second: Robert Carr