

ADDENDUM

(Note: SR 04-05 was voted on and passed (as amended below) at the January 21, 2004 Faculty Senate Meetings).

Senate Resolution SR 04-05

Dean's List & Chancellor's Honor Roll

(submitted by the Faculty Senate Committee on Admissions, Standards, and Honors)

(Read by Vince Wilson)

Whereas, the LSU's Flagship Agenda sets as a goal a five-year graduation rate of 55% (up to 48.7% for the class entering in 1998); and

Whereas, increasing graduation rates will be related to many factors, including creating a climate with expectations of scholarship and progress; and

Whereas, with stronger students entering the university as result of strengthened admission standards in 1990, 1995, 2000, 2002, and projected in 2005, LSU undergraduates can realistically be asked to meet raised expectations; and

Whereas, LSU undergraduates withdraw from classes at a high rate. In Fall 2002, the mean undergraduate course load on the 14th class day was 13.89, the end of the semester the mean was only 12.41, and 11.2% of the grades issued that semester to undergraduate were W; and

Whereas, though TOPS only mandates that a student complete 24 hours a year (Fall and Spring), and full-time status only requires registration in 12 hours per semester, that rate of progress will very rarely lead to graduation in four years; and

Whereas, apropos discussions on addressing graduation rates, course availability and withdrawals, the Provost has asked the university community to change the message- that it is "OK" to take 12 hours- in printed materials, in advising, and in everything we do; and

Whereas, the Dean's List and Chancellor's Honor Roll to honor students' semester academic achievements that are currently awarded based on semester GPA's after completing at least 12 hours of LSU course work could become more of a distinction with stricter requirements

Therefore, be it resolved that the criteria for recognition on the Chancellor's Honor Roll and Dean's List be upgraded as follows:

Chancellor's Honor Roll: undergraduate students completing at least 15 college-level hours at LSU in the semester/term, with a semester grade-point average of 4.00 and no "I" grades for the semester.

Dean's List: undergraduate students completing at least 15 college-level hours at LSU in the semester/term, with a semester grade-point average of 3.50 and no "I" grades for the semester.

Independent (correspondence) study courses will not be used in computation of the hours completed. Students will be recognized on one list at a time.