

## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MOTION ON RULES FOR DESIGNATION AS  
“COLLEGE SCHOLARS” AND “DISTINGUISHED COLLEGE SCHOLARS”**

On behalf of the Educational Policy Committee, Professor Desmond Lawler (professor, civil, architectural, and environmental engineering and committee chair) submitted the following motion on rules for designation as “College Scholars” and “Distinguished College Scholars.” The secretary has classified this proposal as *general* legislation, which will be presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 24, 2008.

Sue Alexander Greninger, Secretary  
The Faculty Council and General Faculty

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“COLLEGE SCHOLARS” AND “DISTINGUISHED COLLEGE SCHOLARS”****Background**

Each year, the University celebrates Honors Day to recognize outstanding academic performance by some undergraduate students. The criteria for this honor have been ambiguous with respect to residency requirements. The Educational Policy Committee was asked to develop criteria that eliminated the ambiguity, and the motion below is intended to accomplish that goal.

**Motion: That the current rules for selection of “College Scholars” and “Distinguished College Scholars” be replaced with the rules shown below as “Proposed Rules.”**

**Proposed Revised Rules:** (Changes from current rules are underlined)

On Honors Day each spring, the University designates outstanding students as College Scholars and Distinguished College Scholars, based on registration and GPA requirements for courses taken in residence at the University of Texas at Austin, as specified below. Students who are eligible for recognition receive invitations to the Honors Day convocation about three weeks before Honors Day.

To be designated a College Scholar, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. The student must be registered as an undergraduate for at least twelve semester hours of coursework in residence, unless he or she lacks fewer than twelve hours to complete degree requirements. Students who hold an undergraduate degree are not eligible.
2. The student must have completed at least twelve semester hours of coursework in residence in either the spring or the fall semester of the previous calendar year.
3. The student must have completed at least thirty semester hours of coursework in residence at the University, excluding credit by examination, and completed at least sixty semester hours of college coursework, including transferred work and credit by examination.
4. The student must have an in-residence University grade point average of at least 3.50.

To be designated a Distinguished College Scholar, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. The student must be registered as an undergraduate for at least fifteen semester hours of coursework in residence, unless he or she lacks fewer than fifteen hours to complete degree requirements. Students who hold an undergraduate degree are not eligible.
2. The student must have completed at least fifteen semester hours of coursework in residence in either the spring or the fall semester of the previous calendar year.
3. The student must have completed at least thirty semester hours of coursework at the University, excluding credit by examination, and at least sixty semester hours of college coursework, including transferred work and credit by examination.
4. The student must have an in-residence University grade point average of at least 3.80.