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**Academic Policy Subcommittee of UCC**

**Proposal to Revise an Academic Policy**

**(Action Item)**

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Identification of proposed policy revision:

1. **Catalog statement of existing Latin Honors** policy (page 37 of catalog + revisions through Senate March 2014):

 “**With Distinction**—The graduation honor given to students who have completed their associate degree with both cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.4 - 3.69 and a minimum of 27 semester hours earned in residence at WKU.

**With High Distinction**—The graduation honor given to students who have completed their associate degree with both cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.7 - 4.0 and a minimum of 27 semester hours earned in residence at WKU.

**Cum Laude**—The graduation honor given to students who have completed their baccalaureate study with both cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.40 - 3.59 and a minimum of 45 semester hours earned in residence at WKU.

**Magna Cum Laude**—The graduation honor given to students who have completed their baccalaureate study with both cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.60 - 3.79 and a minimum of 45 semester hours earned in residence at WKU.

**Summa Cum Laude**—The graduation honor given to students who have completed their baccalaureate study with both cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.80 - 4.00 and a minimum of 45 semester hours earned in residence at WKU.

**Scholar of the College**—This award is presented at commencement to the baccalaureate degree recipient in each college with the highest overall cumulative grade point average who has earned a minimum of 60 semester hours in residence. The Scholar of the College award is presented to recipients of first baccalaureate degrees only.

**Ogden Foundation Scholar**—The Ogden Foundation Scholar Award is presented to one graduating baccalaureate degree senior who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and outstanding university and civic engagement. Student(s) with the highest GPA in each college (based upon the GPA at the beginning of the semester in which degree requirements will be completed) who have earned at least 60 hours in residence will be invited to apply for the award. The application will consist of an application form, an essay and two letters of recommendation. A committee comprised of a representative of each baccalaureate college and a member of the Ogden Foundation Board of Trustees will select the top three candidates to be interviewed and will select the award recipient. The recipient will receive a plaque and a monetary award provided by the Ogden Foundation.”

1. **Catalog statement of proposed Latin Honors policy:**

 **With Distinction**—The graduation honor given to students who have completed their associate degree with both cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.4 - 3.69 and a minimum of 27 semester hours earned through instruction at WKU.

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1. **Rationale for proposed policy revision:**

This aligns residence language to be consistent with other WKU policies regarding residence according to SACSCOC standards.

1. **Impact of proposed policy revision on existing academic or non-academic policies:**
	1. Impact on policies: N/A
	2. Impact on populations that may be affected: Have data, and very few students will be impacted (3 Spring, 1 Summer).
2. **Proposed term for implementation**: Fall2014, without negative impact to students.
3. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

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