

**COVER SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE
ACADEMIC SENATE**

Date [March 26, 2022](#), Senate Meeting Date [April 6, 2022](#), Report # (Senate Use Only) _____

Intended Action: **Informational**__ **Senate Vote** **X**
Consultative/Advisory__

Name of Committee Submitting Report:

[Academic Standards](#)

Committee Status: (elected chartered, appointed chartered, ad hoc, etc.)

Names of Committee Members:

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Please write a brief summary of the report the Committee is submitting to the Senate:

The Committee is responding to Laura Robich who, on behalf of RN-BSN students, has requested the committee to consider changing the policy for graduating with honors so transfer students with fewer than 60 hours of YSU residency may be awarded honors upon graduation.

The Committee's February 2022 proposal to Senate was approved. That proposal stated that honors be conferred to YSU transfer students who have completed a minimum of *30 semester hours of credit at Youngstown State University for baccalaureate degree candidates and a minimum of 20 hours for associates degree candidates. Honors will only be calculated based on YSU earned courses, and GPA requirements will be consistent across all degree earners. Baccalaureate degree students with fewer than 60 but with 30 or more hours and associate degree students with fewer than 40 but with 20 or more hours will have their honors designation in English.*

As of the February 2022 Senate meeting a proposal of appropriate language indicating the bestowment of honors towards degrees held by transfer students had not been fully investigated. The Committee requested an extension to complete the investigation and develop a recommendation that aligns with other institutions. That language is presented here.

If substantive changes in your committee recommendation are made from the floor, would the committee prefer that the matter be sent back to the committee for further consideration?

Introduction and Rationale

It was agreed at the February 2022 Senate meeting that transfer students who have achieved a GPA commensurable with honors status should be granted honors designation on their degree from YSU. However, because transfer students earned their degree in combination with other institutions, alternative honors language would be used to reflect honors status. The following language is constant among other institutions who grant honors to transfer students. This language is also commonly used and understood among the public.

- "Honors"
- "Great Honors"

- “Highest Honors”

Revised Policy/Policies (when applicable)

From:

No honors designation offered on transfer student degrees for those students who have achieved honors status

To:

Awarding the following language commensurable with GPA achieved

<i>Language</i>	<i>GPA</i>
Honors	3.4-3.59
Great Honors	3.6-3.79
Highest Honors	+/> 3.8

Recommendation

That honors language be awarded to Transfer Students who have achieved GPAs of 3.4 or greater as follows:

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