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ACADEMIC SENATE**

Date [March 1, 2022](#), Senate Meeting Date [March 1, 2023](#), 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.)

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

The Committee is responding to a request from Morgan Bagley and Claire Berardini, from the Student Taskforce to consider changes to the Academic Reassessment Policy in response to successful student petition for a change in academic reassessment being allowed to graduate with Honors.

The proposed changes are as follows:

1) Graduation Honors

From:

Current Policy (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-policies-procedures/academic-honors/>)

Undergraduate graduation candidates who rank high scholastically are awarded graduation honors. Honors announced at commencement exercises are estimated and may not reflect the final honors awarded on the student's transcript and diploma. All YSU grades will be counted in determining honors for graduation; this includes those grades deducted from accumulative totals as a result of an approved Repetition/Recalculation Form. When calculating the GPA for graduation honors, only YSU credit is considered; no transfer credit is included in the calculation. A student who has processed an approved Academic Forgiveness form is ineligible for graduation honors.

To the proposed change (in red):

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2) Academic Reassessment

From:

Current Policy (<https://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-policies-procedures/grading-system/>)

Purpose: A student transferring to a new major before earning 60 credits has the option of requesting an Academic Reassessment. The student may request the deletion of up to 16 credits earned for courses required in the old major; these credits will be deducted from the total earned credits and will result in a recalculated cumulative GPA. No credits earned for a grade of "C" or higher may be deleted. These credits may only include courses required for the old major and for general education courses if also designated by the old major, but may not include courses only taken to fulfill general education requirements, requirements from the new major, or graduation requirements. The student must initiate the request through their Academic Advisor, and the request must be approved by the Department Chairperson of the new major.

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Recommendation

Upon review the Committee recognizes that the proposed changes align with current YSU policy and recommendations that if recalculated grades should be considered in determining honors distinction, then dropped course grades from academic reassessment should be included also.