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To save the Senate's time, the Academic Standards Committee is including an explanation of the two motions which it is presenting to the group.

Action on the first motion has twice been postponed by the Senate because of insufficient time for discussion. At the November 27 meeting of the Committee the motion on credit by examination was rephrased and is now submitted to the Senate in the following wording:

Credit by examination may be granted under special circumstances to students who can demonstrate proficiency in certain subjects. The subjects in which such examinations may be given and the nature of the examinations are to be determined by the departments concerned and must be approved by a majority of the members of the Academic Standards Committee.

The Committee wishes to make clear that it recognizes that credit by examination is the established procedure in most colleges and universities throughout the world. However, in American undergraduate institutions the examinations are rarely single comprehensive ones. Instead the instructor, through oral quizzing, brief tests, and occasional longer examinations, comes to his conclusion concerning the competencies of the student. The preparation of single comprehensive examinations which will be the sole basis for granting credit requires a substantial expenditure of time and intellectual effort on the part of the teacher or teachers preparing the examination. The Committee feels that at Youngstown University conditions do not ordinarily permit the preparation of satisfactory examinations of this type. It is for this reason that the Committee recommends that such examinations be restricted according to the terms of the motion being submitted. *Amendment approved, motion defeated.*

At the meeting of 20 November the Committee passed the following motion:

A 3.2 average shall be the minimum for inclusion in the Dean's List, and the list shall be published in two parts to differentiate the part-time and full-time students.

Motion approved 11/5/63

Though the number of students included on the Dean's List--slightly over a third of the entire student body--is not inconsistent with the grading policy stated in the University catalogue, the Committee was disturbed ~~by the fact~~ by the fact that a part-time student who received a B in the single course he was taking would be included in the list. In order to make sure that all students on the Dean's List have at least one A, the required point average was raised to 3.2.