

FACULTY MEETING  
April 9, 2010

**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDING**  
**MOTION 2 - Dean's List Honors Criteria**

**Motion:**

CAS, acting on behalf of the Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Advising, moves that the Dean's List Honors criteria be modified and moves that the Skidmore College Catalog be amended as follows:

**Old Language:**

Honors are awarded to each matriculated student who satisfactorily completes at least fourteen semester hours of credit by the regular grading deadline and who achieves a 3.40 to 3.66 GPA for that semester. Highest Honors are awarded to each student who satisfactorily completes at least fourteen semester hours of credit by the regular grading deadline and who achieves a 3.67 or higher GPA for that semester. (A grade of Incomplete, which temporarily places the credits earned below fourteen, makes the student ineligible for the Dean's List, even if the Incomplete is resolved successfully.) (GPA calculations are made to three decimal points.)

**New Language:**

Honors are awarded to each matriculated student who satisfactorily completes at least fourteen semester hours of credit by the regular grading deadline and who achieves a **3.650 or higher** GPA for that semester. (A grade of Incomplete, which temporarily places the credits earned below fourteen, makes the student ineligible for the Dean's List, even if the Incomplete is resolved successfully.) (GPA calculations are made to three decimal points.)

**Rationale:**

Previously the Dean's List Honor's GPA criteria corresponded to the GPA standard for *cum laude* College Honors. This change keeps that similarity.

The Highest Honors distinction was added in 1949 to highlight students with high achievement. The new GPA criterion elevates the standard for Honors, and the "Highest" distinction is no longer needed.

Recent term statistics indicate that based on this new standard 27% of eligible students would have qualified for Dean's List Honors for performance in the fall 2009 semester. (49% of eligible students were actually awarded Honors).

**Timeline:** These changes would be effective beginning in the fall of 2011.