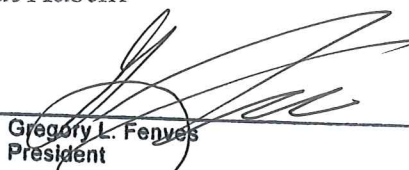





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Carlos Martinez, Chief of Staff  
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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: May 31, 2018

TO: Carlos Martinez, Chief of Staff to the President

FROM: Dave Wolcott, Chief of Staff to the Provost 

CC: Carol Longoria, Deputy to the Vice President for Student Affairs

RE: Faculty Council Legislation Regarding Honors Chapter of the General Information Catalog

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On May 1, 2018, Faculty Council approved changes to the College Scholars section of the Honors Chapter in the General Information Catalog (D 16483-16485). These changes modified the eligibility criteria for Distinguished College Scholars so that a student who received sanctions for academic misconduct would no longer be eligible for such recognition.

On May 4, 2018, the provost transmitted her approval to the president. The president requested additional modifications to include any misconduct, academic or otherwise. Over the last month, the provost's office has worked with the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA) on revised language.

Below are both the original language and revised language for the president's review.

**ORIGINAL**

*Students who have received sanctions in the last two years for academic misconduct involving academic probation or higher sanctions are not eligible to be recognized for these honors.*

**REVISED**

*A student is ineligible for honors recognition if, in the last two years, the student received sanctions under Subchapter 11-701 (a)(2)-(a)(14) of the Institutional Rules for (1) academic misconduct involving academic probation or higher, and/or (2) non-academic misconduct involving probation or higher.*

Listed below are the authorized disciplinary sanctions contained in the *Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities and Information on Students' Rights and Responsibilities*. The revised language would capture all sanctions with the exception of #1 (written warning). VPSA noted that, at times, #2 (disciplinary probation) may be levied for lower-level infractions (as well as more serious infractions). So, allowing VPSA to make a case-by-case determination on the severity on infractions resulting in "disciplinary probation" is recommended.



Please let us know if the revised language addresses the president's concerns.

**Sec. 11-701. Authorized Disciplinary Sanctions**

- a. The dean of students, under subchapter 11-500, or the hearing officer or the majority of a SCB panel, after a hearing under subchapter 11-600, may impose one or more of the following sanctions for violation of the University's expectations of conduct
1. written warning;
  2. disciplinary probation;
  3. academic integrity probation;
  4. withholding of grades, official transcript, and/or degree;
  5. bar against readmission, bar against enrollment, withdrawal from the University or from a period of enrollment, and/or drop from one or more classes;
  6. restitution or reimbursement for damage to or misappropriation of University or University of Texas System property;
  7. suspension of rights and privileges, including, but not limited to, participation in athletic or extracurricular activities and residing in or entering University housing;
  8. a failing grade for a test, an assignment, or a class, cancellation of all or part of previously earned course credit, and other academic sanction or sanctions;
  9. denial of degree;
  10. deferred suspension;
  11. suspension from the University for a specified period of time;
  12. expulsion (permanent separation from the University);
  13. revocation of degree or withdrawal of diploma;
  14. other sanction or sanctions as deemed appropriate under the circumstances.