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Title: Proposal to Amend Course Catalog Provision for Graduations with Honors

Proposal: The language in the course catalog related to graduation with honors should be amended as indicated below.

Proposed Language

Graduation with Honors

To be eligible for four-year degrees with honors, a student must have earned at least 60 semester credits in computable grades while in residence at New Mexico State. (Courses taken in the Honors College and graded S will be counted as a part of the minimum of 60 credits.) The number of students at graduation, by college, receiving degrees with honors in any one year shall not exceed 15 percent; ~~to graduate with high honors a student must have earned a 4.0 gpa or be in the top 1.5 percent of the graduating class by college;~~ and the number receiving highest honors shall not exceed one person from each college except in a tie. Of the fourteen students receiving highest honors (from the fall and spring commencements), the one with the highest grade-point average and the greatest number of credits earned at NMSU with computable grades will be awarded the Class of 1919 Scholarship Plaque.

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Discussion

Currently more than 1.5% of students receive a 4.0. Deciding on which subset of these students to give high honors is difficult. Consequently, associate deans have been routinely waiving the 1.5% cap. The bill brings the course catalog into line with actual practice.