LEHMAN COLLEGE
OF THE
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

DIVISION OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

POLICY CHANGE

1. **Type of Change:** Change to Academic Honors Policy

2. **From**:

Dean's List

At the end of each Fall and Spring semester, ~~the Office of Undergraduate Studies~~ publishes a list of matriculated students who meet the qualifications for placement on the Dean's List.

Full-time students will be placed on the Dean's List each fall and spring semester in which they have earned twelve or more credits in residence at Lehman College with a GPA of 3.5 ~~or above. Part-time students will be placed on the Dean's List on each occasion in which they have completed twelve or more new credits in residence at Lehman College in two consecutive semesters with a GPA of 3.5 or above. In either case, no WU or INC grades are allowed even if twelve credits are completed with a 3.5 GPA.~~

Presidential Scholar

This designation is bestowed upon students who have met all of the qualifications for Dean's List and have exceeded the GPA requirement for Dean's List by earning a 3.9 GPA or higher. This honor supersedes placement on the Dean's List.

3. **To:**

Dean's List

At the end of each Fall and Spring semester, the Office of the Provost publishes a list of matriculated students who meet the qualifications for placement on the Dean's List.

Full-time students will be placed on the Dean's List each fall and spring semester in which they have earned twelve or more credits in residence at Lehman College with a GPA of 3.5 or above with no grades of WU, WN, NC, or INC during the semester at the time the process is completed.

Part-time students will be placed on the Dean's List on each occasion in which they have completed twelve or more new credits in residence at Lehman College in two consecutive semesters (not including overlapping terms) with a GPA of 3.5 or above with no grades of WU, WN, NC, or INC during either semester until the process is completed.

Full-time or part-time status is determined by the credits attempted by the census date in the semester(s), not by credits earned at the end of the semester(s).

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Please Note: Dean's List and Presidential Scholars are based on the grade point average after end of term processes are completed. Students who later attain a qualifying average through a grade change or resolution of an Incomplete grade will not be included on the Dean's List or Presidential Scholars for that semester.

4. **Rationale (Explain how this change will impact learning outcomes of the department and Major/Program):**
The eligibility requirements for the Dean's List and Presidential Scholars have remained unchanged for more than 15 years and no longer reflect the current grading policies in use across CUNY. Since these criteria were established, CUNY has introduced additional grading designations, including withdrawal grades (W and WN) and the No Credit (NC) grade. Because these grades can affect a student's academic record without impacting the grade point average in the same manner as traditional letter grades, the existing eligibility requirements no longer provide clear or comprehensive guidance for determining honors eligibility. Updating the criteria will align the policy with current CUNY grading practices, ensure consistent and equitable application of academic honors, and provide greater clarity for students and administrators.

5. **Date of departmental approval:** Approved by CAEAS on 11/9/2026.