

Each Faculty Senate committee/council is asked to review the below proposed revisions to AR 21 and AR 31 and advise Michele Swift, Academic Regulations Committee Chair, of any concerns as well as positive comments! Please review and respond by Noon on November 8.

**Note: blue bolded text indicates proposed additions and shaded strike-through text indicates proposed deletions.**

### **Proposed revisions to AR 21. Honor Roll**

At the close of each term, the OSU Registrar publishes a list containing the names of all undergraduate and postbaccalaureate students who for the term have completed at least ~~12~~ **6** graded credits with a grade-point average of 3.50 or above.

*Rationale –*

- *This revision was proposed by Disability Access Services with the support of Ecampus. Many students do not take 12 credits for various reasons (e.g., have a disability, working full-time, full-time parent), or combination of reasons, but also excel academically. Lowering the number of required credits would be more inclusive and potentially provide the motivation for many systematically disadvantaged students to persist through their degree. The Academic Regulations Committee settled on 6 credits, as opposed to a different number, to align with the minimum number of credits required for financial aid.*

### **Proposed revisions to AR 31. Academic Fresh Start Policy (Undergraduate Students)**

The student must have an absence from OSU that begins after the end of the student's last term of attendance and exceeds five years before re-admittance to a degree program at OSU. Prior to applying for Academic Fresh Start, the student must, after re-enrolling in the university, have successfully completed a minimum of 24 letter-graded units from OSU over consecutive terms, and earned a grade-point average of at least 2.5 in these terms. The student must also provide a signed letter of recommendation **that provides the rationale for Academic Fresh Start** from a current OSU ~~college dean, school director, or department or program chair/head,~~ **associate dean or college head advisor**. ~~It may be seconded by the college head student's academic advisor or a current faculty member within the discipline the student is currently engaged to complete advocating on the student's behalf for Academic Fresh Start.~~

*Rationale –*

- *The Council of Head Advisors requested that the college head advisor be added to the list of accepted recommendations as it is generally the college head advisor that initiates the process, in conjunction with the student's academic advisor. The Academic Regulations Committee agreed it made sense to add the college head advisor, but then questioned whether everyone else in the list was truly needed. After some discussion, it was decided to include the associate dean and drop all the others.*
- *Upon learning that the Office of the Registrar only considers the initial recommendation and does not need the second, the Academic Regulations Committee decided to drop the last sentence.*