

Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee meeting, January 29, 2025
Second Floor Dairy Store building

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM by Cathy Williams.
2. Attendance
Voting members present: Cathy Williams, Sanaz Aghazadeh, Len Apar, Lauren Cardenas, Maribel Dietz, Christopher Gregg, Olivia Lucas, John Church, Julie Rollins
Proxies: Sanaz proxy for Gupta, Williams proxy for Maiti and Osborn.
Non-voting members present: Emmett Brown, Jaqueline Bach, Meridia Sanders, Erin Schell, Walt Holiday, Michael Blandino
Guests: Drew Lamonica Arms from the Honors College
3. No public comments were made.
4. Introduction of guest, Associate Dean Drew Lamonica Arms, Honors College
5. Minutes of the December 2024 meeting were approved.
6. Second reading of the proposal from LSU Student Government to change the President's Honor Roll from 15 to 12 hours. Further discussion about hierarchy of honors and what is done at our peer institutions. Consensus of members was that the President's Honor Roll should have higher criteria and that it should stay at 15 hours. If you want the president's medal – take the extra class. This medal is for students going above and beyond. Motion to deny the proposal by Sanaz, seconded by Gregg. Proposal was not approved by unanimous vote of the committee.
7. Second reading of the proposal from LSU Online and Continuing Education to allow awarding of the University Medal to LSU Online graduates. Discussion about the small number of students impacted by this proposal. Motion to approve the proposal by Lucas, seconded by Cardenas. Motion passed unanimously and proposal was approved by the Committee.
8. First reading of a Proposal from the Ogden Honors College defining admissions standards for the new degree program. Arms explained the new degree program and answered questions about the new minors. The major is completed and approved, we are only dealing with the admission criteria. The changes offer a more curated pathway through the Honors college, more flexibility through the Honors college. There is now also a Research minor, with the student working with their major faculty on a specific research topic. After discussion, Sanaz moved to suspend the second reading and Dietz seconded. The motion to suspend the second reading was passed. Sanaz moved to approve the proposal and Cardenas seconded. The proposal was approved by unanimous vote.
9. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.