



MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Committee of Faculty Council (March 25, 2015)
Faculty Council (April 17, 2015)

From: Professor Peter Herman
Chair, Examinations Committee

Date: January 21, 2015

Re: Addendum to Graduation with High Honours Report

REPORT CLASSIFICATION

This is a major policy matter that will be considered by the Executive Committee for endorsing and forwarding to Faculty Council for vote as a regular motion (requiring a simple majority of members present and voting to carry).

BACKGROUND

On November 25, 2014, Faculty Council approved report 3450R to recognize “THAT the new degree citation of ‘Graduation with High Honours’ be created for undergraduates who graduate with minimum year 2-4 cumulative average of at least 87.50 percent. The citation of ‘Graduation with Honours’ would be capped to an average below 87.50 (i.e. 79.50 to 87.49 range).”

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Examinations has further recommended that the citation of “Graduation with High Honours” further requires achieving a weighted sessional fourth-year average of 82.5% or higher. This average excludes any required first-year courses, repeated courses, or courses marked as “Extra”. This threshold ensures that students are indeed demonstrating excellent performance in the most advanced engineering courses typically experienced in their final year of study.

CALENDAR CITATION

“To obtain High Honours upon graduation, a full-time student must achieve a cumulative average across years 2, 3 and 4 of 87.5% or higher, and a weighted sessional fourth-year average of 82.5% or higher, excluding any required first-year courses, repeated courses or courses marked as ‘Extra’.”

PROCESS AND CONSULTATION

This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Examinations Committee, which is comprised of faculty representatives from each undergraduate program; undergraduate students; the Vice-Dean, Undergraduate Studies; the Chair of First Year; and the Registrar. The Committee meets regularly and reviews changes related to the academic promotion of undergraduate students within the Faculty.

MOTION

THAT the new degree citation of “Graduation with High Honours” further requires students to meet a weighted sessional fourth year average of 82.5% or higher.