

Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee meeting, December 16, 2024
Catahoula Room (rm. 302D), LSU Student Union

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by Cathy Williams.
2. Attendance
Voting members present: Cathy Williams, Sanaz Aghazadeh, Lauren Cardenas, Christopher Gregg, Ipsita Gupta, Michelle Osborn, Olivia Lucas, John Church, Kanchan Maiti
Proxies: Cathy Williams for Len Apar
Non-voting members present: Emmett Brown, Jaqueline Bach, Meridia Sanders, Erin Schell, Walt Holiday, Michael Blandino
Guests: Marwa Hassan, CoE, Roberto Champney, CoE, Dagoberto Diaz CoE,
3. No public comments were made.
4. Minutes of the November 2024 meeting were approved.
5. First reading of the proposal from LSU Student Government to change the President's Honor Roll from 15 to 12 hours. Some members felt that the President's Honor Roll should have higher criteria and that it should stay at 15 hours. Other comments included that it is often difficult for students to enroll in 15 hours due to dual enrollment credit, AP credit, or transfer credit for courses. These students would have to enroll in random elective courses to meet the 15 hour requirement. Proposal will be further reviewed at the January 2025 meeting.
6. First reading of the proposal from LSU Online and Continuing Education to allow awarding of the University Medal to LSU Online graduates. Committee comments included concern that online courses were not held to the standards of in person courses. Other committee members said that online courses are acceptable and held to the same standards as courses taught in person. Another question was raised as to why LSU Online is separate from LSU. The proposal will be further reviewed at the January 2025 meeting.
7. Second reading of Proposal from the College of Engineering to add new admissions criteria. Part of a larger restructuring called "pathways" to increase retention and improve six-year graduation rates across the eleven different engineering majors. The proposal was updated to include suggestions from the previous meeting. Marwa Hassan from the College of Engineering provided additional information to address concerns previously discussed. She discussed the summer academy that will be implemented to help students complete the college admissions requirements. After a brief discussion, proposal was approved unanimously.
8. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.