Faculty Senate Routing Form  
(action/proposal attached)

I. Item Title: Resolution on Dean’s and Chancellor’s Lists

a) Brief Description: Allows students with a W in a given semester to still qualify for the Dean’s and Chancellor’s lists

b) Initiated by: John Whitmire

II. Faculty Senate Action: □ approved □ not approved □ other date: 2/19/2015

Comments:______________________________

Vote: □ Voice Vote, Unanimous □ Voice Vote, Majority In Favor  
✓ Electronic Vote: 21 Ayes; 2 Nays; 2 Abstentions

FS Secretary signature: David Anderson date 2/25/2015

III. Provost: □ for information ✓ Recognition of Receipt  
□ for action.................□ approved □ not approved

Comments:______________________________

Person responsible for Implementation: Registrar

Provost signature: A formal signature date 3/9/15

IV. Chancellor: □ for information ✓ Recognition of Receipt  
□ for action.................□ approved □ not approved

Comments:______________________________

Chancellor signature: David B. Bolles date 3/9/15

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Resolution on Dean's and Chancellor's Lists

Whereas the Dean's and Chancellor's Lists at Western Carolina University were established as honorifics to recognize students for their outstanding scholastic achievement; and,

Whereas the current policy requirements specify that in addition to attaining at least a 3.5 (Dean's List) or 3.8 (Chancellor's List) “grade-point average out of a possible 4.0 on a regular semester's work of not less than 12 hours, excluding remedial courses, with no grade of D+, D-, F, W, WF or I” (http://www.wcu.edu/news-events/deans-list/); and,

Whereas the current provision regarding grades of D+, D, D-, F, W, WF serves to exclude students who should not be recognized for outstanding scholastic achievement in a particular semester; and,

Whereas the provision regarding grades of I serves to exclude those who have not finished the semester’s coursework in timely fashion; but,

Whereas the provision regarding grades of W excludes students who may have had legitimate reasons for withdrawing from courses while still maintaining a full-credit load; and

Whereas the Fostering Undergraduate Student Success policies already limit students’ withdrawals to a total of 16 semester hours during their undergraduate career,

THEREFORE,

Be it resolved that the Senate requests the current policy requirements for Dean's and Chancellor's List be amended to remove the provision excluding grades of W, so long as the student attains the requisite GPA “on a regular semester's work of not less than 12 earned hours, excluding remedial courses, with no grade of D+, D, D-, F, WF or I.”