

Queen's University
Senate Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid
Report to Senate
Revisions to Renewable Awards Policy
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Background

A new Renewable Awards Policy was approved by SCSSA in November 10, 2010, effective May 2011. At that time the academic thresholds for renewal were modified to reflect the new GPA grading system that was approved by the Senate of Queen's University in April 2010. The new grading scheme became effective May 1, 2011.

At the February 2012 Senate Meeting, the Senate Committee on Academic Procedures (SCAP) provided information to the Senate regarding provisions Faculties / Schools had implemented with respect to grading practices and the new grading scheme.

At the March 27, 2012 Senate Meeting, the Provost reported that the Deans of the undergraduate direct entry programs agreed to a common GPA of 3.5 for the Dean's Honours List (subject to approval of the respective Faculty Boards). Additionally, the Provost requested that the Senate Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid (SCSSA) review the academic thresholds for renewal of

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RENEWABLE AWARDS POLICIES

2.1.3 Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarships: the student must be registered full-time (60% course load – typically 9 units in the Fall and 9 units in the Winter; course load averaging is not permitted).

2.2 Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA):

2.2.1 Academic Excellence: Students in receipt of scholarships/awards granted on the basis of academic excellence are expected to achieve a minimum GPA of 3.5. There are a few awards (e.g. D & R

*Transition to Academic Excellence: refers to those awards where it is recognized a student may require an additional year to meet the academic excellence threshold (e.g. D & R Sobey Atlantic Scholarship, Melvin R. Goodes Admission Award). In subsequent years students must meet the threshold for renewal.

4. *Academic Thresholds (Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship – Governm12(o)-226*

It is recognized exceptional circumstances may arise which may require the student to take a break in his/her program of study. In these circumstances every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the student and his/her circumstances. The student must submit a written request for review which details the circumstances and the expected duration of the leave. Where possible, the student is advised to provide the notification in advance of the leave. Examples include: medical leave, unique year-long service opportunity.

Each request will be reviewed on an individual basis and an adjusted renewal/payment schedule will be established (e.g. deferred for a year; staggered renewal/disbursement). Students will be eligible for the stated total d