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## 5.7 AWARDS AND PRIZES

### Policy

1. Council shall, each year, confer awards and prizes on those students who are eligible to graduate and have met the specified requirements for such awards and prizes.
2. To recognise exceptional academic achievement Council may award University Medals to the most outstanding students selected from those who have completed the requirements for a bachelor honours degree, degree of bachelor with honours or degree of bachelor of at least four years' duration.
3. Council may, each year, award Faculty Medals to students from each Faculty in recognition of the students' exceptional academic achievement while completing a three year bachelor's degree.
4. Council may approve the conferring of awards 'with Distinction' on students who have performed with academic excellence in the studies leading to the award of a associate degree or a bachelor's degree from which the award of honours is not available.

### Regulations

#### 5.7.1 University Medals

1. To be eligible for a University Medal:
  - 1.1. a student must have completed at least 16 units at the University in a bachelor honours degree, bachelor degree with honours or bachelor degree of at least four years' duration.
  - 1.2. a student must have a minimum GPA of 6.6. The GPA for each student must be calculated from all the courses that contributed to the student's program including, in the case of the honours degree, from the courses contributing towards the related bachelor degree.
2. University Medals may be presented at each graduation ceremony.
3. When selecting nominees for the award a Faculty must consider all those who have completed their program since the previous graduation ceremony and are eligible to receive the award.
4. In assessing nominations for the award the Academic Program Committee shall:
  - 4.1 satisfy itself that the nominees have displayed exceptional academic achievement at all levels of the program or programs they have completed at the University, including all or almost all HD grades in 3000-level and 4000-level courses and a high proportion of HD and A grades in the major study(s);
  - 4.2 consider the length of time nominees have taken to complete their program; and
  - 4.3 ensure that the award of a University Medal is an honour granted to only a small number of students each year, if any.
5. A student may be awarded no more than one University Medal in a single field of study.
6. The Academic Program Committee will make its recommendation on the award of University Medal(s) to the Academic Board.

#### 5.7.2 Faculty Medals

1. To be eligible for a Faculty Medal a student must have completed at least 8 units of University courses, graded using the stratified grading system, that contributed to their three year bachelor's degree program.
2. Each year the Dean of a Faculty may recommend students for the award of a Faculty Medal.
3. When selecting nominees for the award, a Dean shall:
  - 3.1 be satisfied that the student has displayed exceptional academic achievement at all levels of the program they have completed at the University;
  - 3.2 consider the length of time the student has taken to complete their program; and
  - 3.3 apply a GPA cut-off of 6.6.
4. Faculty Medals may be presented at each graduation ceremony.
5. When selecting nominees for the award a Faculty must consider all those who have completed their program since the previous graduation ceremony and are eligible to receive the award.

6. The Academic Program Committee will consider the Deans' recommendations and will make recommendations to the Academic Board.
7. A student may be awarded no more than one Faculty Medal in a single field of study.

### 5.7.3 Awards 'with Distinction'

1. To be eligible for an award 'with Distinction' students must have completed at least eight units of University courses, graded using the stratified grading system, that contributed to their program and be eligible to receive an award of an associate degree or a bachelor's degree from which the award of honours is not available.
2. Each Dean may recommend students for an award 'with Distinction'.
3. When selecting the students to be nominated for the award, a Dean shall:
  - 3.1 be satisfied that the students have displayed academic excellence at all levels of the program they have completed at the University;
  - 3.2 consider the length of time students have taken to complete their program; and
  - 3.3 apply the following GPA cut-offs to determine those students who may be eligible for the award. The GPA for each student must be calculated from all the courses that contributed to the student's program.
    - 3.3.1 a GPA cut-off of 6.0 shall apply for students whose GPA has been calculated on the basis of more than fifteen units;
    - 3.3.2 a GPA cut-off of 6.5 shall apply for students whose GPA has been calculated on the basis of between eight and fifteen units inclusive.
4. Awards 'with Distinction' may be presented at each graduation ceremony.
5. When selecting nominees for the award a Dean must consider all those who have completed their program since the previous graduation ceremony, and are eligible to receive the award.
6. The Academic Program Committee will assess the nominations and will make recommendations to the Academic Board.