

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE  
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**FWDC 1:      Change Name and Responsibilities of the Honors  
and Degree Programs Committee**

([SD3197S](#)) [Faculty Handbook Section 10.4.10](#)

**Effective Date:** Immediately

**Summary:** This document deletes the responsibility of reviewing and approving Independent Study Degrees from the Honors and Degree Programs Committee, and updates the name of the committee to reflect this change.

**Rationale:** On April 13, 1970, the [Faculty Senate](#) minutes report that the Degree Programs Committee may approve an individual degree program. These Individual Degrees were awarded by the department most closely related to the individual program. At that time, the Degree Programs Committee was separate from the Honors Programs Committee. The Honors and Degree Programs Committee later combined, although the [Catalog](#) currently uses *Honors Committee*.

On March 11, 1999, the Faculty Senate passed [SD3599S](#), which changed the Individual Degree program to an Interdisciplinary Studies program in an attempt to bring coherence to all the individual degree programs that emanate from different departments. On November 11, 2000, Faculty Senate approved recataloging Individual Degrees under Interdisciplinary Studies ([SD0300F](#)). This change recognized the inherent interdisciplinary nature of individual degrees and released departments from awarding degrees to students who had not completed the normal requirements for the major. Putting the approval decision in the hands of the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies created a more systematic analysis and assessment of individual degree requests.

Reviewing and approving degrees will no longer be listed under the purpose of this committee. Since Individual Degree Programs are approved by the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies (see the [Catalog](#)), the Honors and Degree Programs Committee should not include Degree Programs in its title. To avoid confusion with the Honors Program and Honors Program Advisory Committee, the committee shall be named the Latin Honors and Manly E. Wright Scholarship Award Committee.

**Revise Document as follows:**

**10.4.10 Latin Honors and Degree Programs Manly E. Wright Scholarship Award Committee (SD3197S)**

Purpose

1. Recommends who among the graduating class is to receive what level of University-wide Honors.
2. Recommends policy concerning the granting of University-wide Honors as well as approves policy for granting departmental or program distinction.
3. Recommends a recipient for the annual Manly E. Wright Scholarship Award to the graduating senior judged first in scholarship.

~~4. Reviews and approves requests from students who wish to develop and pursue a program of Independent Study leading to either the BA or BS. The committee must approve the proposed program curriculum before the student may formally pursue their desired course of study. The committee's decision is forwarded to the registrar.~~

Membership

- Five faculty members, each representing a different department with no more than two from the same division. Members shall serve two year staggered terms.

Recommendations to: the Faculty body

Reports to: the Provost and VCAA