TO: Jeanette F. Morales, Assistant Director, Office of Academic Program Management

FROM: Frank Kelley, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Business Programs

DATE: September 14, 2009

RE: Proposal to exclude business majors from the Dean’s List if guilty of academic dishonesty

The Bauer College of Business proposes to Undergraduate Council that business majors be disqualified from the Bauer College Dean’s List if guilty of academic dishonesty in business courses by adding a paragraph the Bauer portion of the catalog and adding a statement to the University’s Academic Honesty Policy:

Proposed paragraph in the Bauer portion of the catalog:

Dean’s List

The Dean’s List is compiled each semester. To qualify for this recognition, undergraduate business students must earn a 3.50 minimum grade point average (the grade of S is not counted) on twelve or more semester hours completed during the semester. Business students who earn a grade of I (except in a senior honors thesis course), D, F, or U during the semester are excluded from consideration for the Dean’s List. Business students who sign a waiver of a departmental or college hearing for academic dishonesty, or are found guilty of academic dishonesty at a departmental or college hearing within the UH Bauer College of Business are permanently excluded from the Dean’s List.

Current Sanctions section of Academic Honesty Policy:

4.01 Sanctions. The sanctions for confirmed breaches of this policy shall be commensurate with the nature of the offense and with the record of the student regarding any previous infractions. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, a lowered grade, failure on the examination or assignment in question, failure in the course, probation, suspension from the university, expulsion from the university, or a combination of these. Students may not receive a W for courses in which they have been found guilty of a violation of the Academic Honesty Policy. If a W is received prior to a guilty finding, the student will become liable for the Academic Honesty penalty, including F grades.
Proposed Sanctions section of Academic Honesty Policy:

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Rationale: To promote academic honesty and avoid sending a mixed message to students, business students guilty of academic dishonesty in business courses should be excluded from the Bauer College Dean’s List.