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TO: All Honors College Students

FROM: Elizabeth Brown-Guillory, Ph.D., Interim Dean and Associate Provost

SUBJECT: Maintaining a 3.25 (semester and cumulative) GPA to Remain a Member of the Honors College

To continue to be a role model for Texas Southern University’s motto “Excellence in Achievement”, Honors College students must maintain high standards. This letter serves to inform you in writing of the academic policy changes for students in the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College. **This past August at our Honors General Assembly, we announced that the Honors College would no longer be able to retain students in the college whose GPA fell below a 3.25 (semester or cumulative GPA).** For those who may have missed the announcement, we feel it important to notify students in writing about this important change. To allow us time to put this new change in place, we are delaying the implementation of this policy change until Fall 2015.

All students must enroll in and pass 15 or more semester credit hours and earn a “B” or better in all registered courses each semester. Students must achieve each semester a grade point average of 3.25 and a cumulative grade point average of 3.25. Special permission must be obtained from the dean to enroll in fewer hours.

Students must also meet the undergraduate classification hours at the end of each academic year: Freshmen year 29 hours, Sophomore year 59 hours, Junior year 89 hours, and Senior year 90–hours.

In addition, the college will no longer offer a semester’s probation period, except for first-time freshmen who will be allowed a one-time opportunity to petition the dean to remain in the college if the GPA falls below 3.25. Students will be subject to dismissal each academic semester. Students must meet all academic requirements at the end of each semester.
These changes will ensure that all students enrolled in the Honors College will graduate with honors distinction within a four-year period from Texas Southern University.

Your Honors College advisor will be able to answer any questions about this policy. When you meet with your Honors College advisor (for your required monthly advisement meetings), you will be asked to sign a form stating that you have received and do understand the new policy change. This form will be placed in your Honors College file.

Thank you for your cooperation and best wishes with your studies this semester.