

RESOLUTION ON CRITERIA FOR GRADUATION WITH HONORS
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- WHEREAS, The Office of Admissions & Records at Humboldt State University has requested that the Academic Senate review and comment on criteria for honors at graduation; and
- WHEREAS, The Banner System at Humboldt State University cannot select individual students on the basis of percentage rank, and thus is unable to accommodate the policy of graduating the top ten percent of students with honor status (summa - one percent; magna - three percent; cum laude - six percent); and
- WHEREAS, An ad hoc committee at Humboldt State University recommends new criteria for graduating students with honors, as follows: summa = minimum 3.75 GPA; magna - minimum 3.5 GPA; cum laude - minimum 3.25 GPA; and
- WHEREAS, The Academic Senate at Humboldt State University takes the position that policy at the University should be driven by what the University community believes is in the best interest of the members of the University community and not by the incapacities of technological systems used by various offices at the University; and
- WHEREAS, The Academic Senate at Humboldt State University takes the position that the appropriate honors at graduation criteria are as follows: summa - top one percent; magna - top three percent; cum laude - top six percent; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the Vice President for Academic Affairs that the criteria for honors at graduation be as follows: summa - in the top one percent; magna - in the top three percent; cum laude - in the top six percent.