

At its meeting of March 15, 1993, the Academic Senate approved the following Policy Recommendation presented by John Engell for the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee.

DESIGNATION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION HONORS

Supersedes F65-12 and F67-10.

Whereas, The return to the use of the Latin designations CUM LAUDE, MAGNA CUM LAUDE, and SUMMA CUM LAUDE for graduation honors would re-establish a long-standing San José State University tradition abandoned in 1964, enhance and clarify the resumes of the finest students at the University, and cost the University nothing; and

Whereas, Such Latin designations are in keeping with the practice at all other universities in the California State University system, excepting one; and

Whereas, The current designations of DISTINCTION and GREAT DISTINCTION are uncommon and therefore confusing to employers and graduate schools; and

Whereas, The GPA requirements for DISTINCTION (3.2-3.49) and GREAT DISTINCTION (3.5-4.0) are lower than GPA's required for honors at most other universities, including universities in the California State University system; therefore, be it

Resolved, That designations and GPA requirements for graduation honors at San José State University be changed to the following:

3.30 - 3.69	CUM LAUDE
3.70 - 3.84	MAGNA CUM LAUDE
3.85 - 4.00	SUMMA CUM LAUDE

and be it further

Resolved, That these designations become effective for Spring, 1994, semester.

ACTION BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Approved by President J. Handel Evans on March 18, 1993.