

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.**