



MEMORANDUM

TO: President Edward T. Foote II

FROM: George C. Alexandrakis *GEA*
Chairman, Faculty Senate

DATE: June 23, 1989

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Legislation #88015(B) -
Appeals Procedure for Graduation Honors

The Faculty Senate, at its meeting of May 8, 1989, voted to approve Faculty Senate Legislation #88015(B) - Appeals Procedure for Graduation Honors. The text of the legislation is as follows:

The University Graduation Honors Committee shall establish appeal procedures and act as the appellate body to hear appeals concerning graduation honors.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

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cc: Provost Luis Glaser
Professor Thompson Biggers,
Associate Director of Enrollments

CAPSULE:

Faculty Senate Legislation #88015(B) -
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RESPONSE BY THE PRESIDENT:

DATE: 6/22/09

APPROVED: Yes 307

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT OR PUBLISH: Provost

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: _____

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

GRADUATION HONORS

Graduation honors are based on the lower of all graded work taken at the University of Miami, or the combination of all graded work taken at the University of Miami and elsewhere, and whether or not the transfer work is accepted toward the degree at the University of Miami. Graduation honors will be earned by the graduates of each individual school of the University who satisfy minimum requirements and have the class standing within each school as follows:

<i>Summa Cum Laude:</i>	Top 1% of the Graduating Class.
<i>Magna Cum Laude:</i>	The next 4% of the Graduating Class.
<i>Cum Laude:</i>	The next 10% of the Graduating Class.

Independent of the percentages described above, no honors will be awarded unless the minimum averages are as follows:

<i>Summa Cum Laude:</i>	3.95
<i>Magna Cum Laude:</i>	3.65
<i>Cum Laude:</i>	3.30

If several students are tied at an average that would cause the specific percentages to be exceeded, all tied students would receive honors.

Honors would be awarded in summer sessions on the basis of the same grade point average as in the preceding spring, but that the percentage limitations would not apply.

(When commencement exercises are held before honors averages can be calculated, those prospective graduates who have a mathematical chance of achieving honors by earning straight A's during the current session will be listed among the prospective honors graduates.)

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All students who at the time of graduation have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 will be awarded degrees *cum laude*. For the determination of honors cumulative grade point average means either the average of all grades earned at the University of Miami or the combined average of all graded work taken at the University of Miami and elsewhere whether or not the transfer work is accepted toward a degree at the University of Miami, whichever is lower.

To graduate *magna cum laude*, a student must:

- 1) attain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75;
- 2) earn not less than six credit hours in independent study, senior thesis, or other courses specifically designated by the department or school;
- 3) complete, as a result of such courses, a thesis or project judged by a departmental or school committee to be worthy of high honors; and
- 4) fulfill any additional requirements that may be established by the student's school or department.

To graduate *summa cum laude*, a student must:

- 1) attain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.9;
- 2) meet in addition all the preceding requirements for *magna cum laude*; and
- 3) submit an honors thesis or project recommended by his department or school and judged worthy of special distinction by a University committee.

For further information about qualification for honors, students should consult their departmental advisor.