UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
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RESOLUTION 36-24

Changing the Requirements for Graduating With Honors Distinction

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Springfield currently awards Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude distinction to students who graduate with grade point averages of at least 3.75, 3.87, and 3.95, respectively, and

WHEREAS, the current requirements for graduating with honors are substantially higher than many schools when compared to both public universities in Illinois and the peer group of the University of Illinois at Springfield, and

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Springfield has become a full four-year university, and

WHEREAS, students who enroll in UIS for their entire undergraduate education will find it difficult to meet the extremely high requirements to graduate with honors, and

WHEREAS, lowering the requirements for honors distinction will allow graduates of the University of Illinois at Springfield to be more competitive and successful in the job market in the years following their graduation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Illinois at Springfield will adopt a new standard for students to graduate with an honors distinction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this new standard will require a grade point average of at least 3.5 for Cum Laude, 3.75 for Magna Cum Laude, and 3.9 for Summa Cum Laude; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this system be in effect for the awarding of undergraduate honors for the next commencement exercises at the University of Illinois at Springfield.