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MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the Graduation with Honors policy (2016-17 UAF Catalog, <http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/>) as follows:

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2017

RATIONALE: The motion that sets qualification for students to graduate with an Honors was established in UAF Faculty Senate Meeting#4 on April 22, 1988 and amended in Meeting#140 on December 11, 2006. While the qualifications for Honors has worked well for most students, however, a few non-traditional students, who had excelled in their major with GPA of 3.5 and above, had completed their entire major requirement in UAF, could not qualify for their deserving honors because of some non-major relevant courses (e.g., swimming, welding, or other core classes) that they had taken more than 10 – 15 years back in a different institution, which did not transfer to satisfy their core or major requirement in UAF, however, did impact their honors qualification due to the policy. At times, these non-traditional students had to discontinue in the middle of the program to take care of their families, which had resulted in very low GPAs in their previous institutions.

BOLD CAPS = Addition

[] = Deletion

Graduation with honors is a tribute that recognizes academic achievement. Honors graduates have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher in all college work. If a student's overall cumulative GPA is 3.5 or higher, a student graduates with the distinction of cum laude; 3.75 or higher, magna cum laude; 3.9 or higher and no grade lower than A-, summa cum laude. Your cumulative GPA for graduation with honors is based on all college work attempted at UAF, including any repeated or omitted credits due to Fresh Start.

For transfer students to be considered for graduation with honors, they must have:

- o 3.5 cumulative GPA in all attempted UAF credits, and
- o UAF residence credit of 48 semester hours for a bachelor's degree.

Once those requirements are met, a cumulative GPA is calculated combining all college work attempted at UAF, as well as all college work attempted at any other institutions you've attended **WITHIN THE LAST 8 YEARS PRIOR TO TRANSFERRING TO UAF THAT COUNTED TOWARDS YOUR MAJOR** [, including repeated credits and any credits that may not have been accepted for transfer to UAF]. The combined cumulative GPA must also be 3.5 or higher for a transfer student to graduate with honors.