

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XV-M10

on Latin honors

1. Motion presenter: Marco Dorfsman
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 2/28, 3/21, 4/4 and 4/25/2011
3. **Rationale:** Students receiving Latin honors at UNH are near 50% at the current criteria of a 3.2 cumulative GPA. At UNH and other colleges and universities, the percentage of students receiving honors has steadily increased over the last ten years. When a majority of students receives Latin honors, the award ceases to be truly honorific. A number of colleges across the country have been changing or adjusting Latin honors criteria, and UNH should consider this.
4. **Motion:** Latin honors will be granted as follows: **summa cum laude for the top 5% of the graduating class at the college level, magna cum laude for the next 10% of the graduating class at the college level, and cum laude for the next 10% of the graduating class at the college level.**
5. Senate action: passed with twenty-two ayes, ten nays, and three abstentions.
6. Senate chair's signature: Edward K. Huis

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on, May 10, 2011

Forwarded to: Provost John Aber, on May 10, 2011

Forwarded to: Lisa MacFarlane, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, May 10, 2011

Forwarded to: Kathryn Forbes, Registrar, on May 10, 2011