

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 79-08

WHEREAS, the present requirements for graduation with University honors are based upon the grade-point average, and

WHEREAS, the grade-point average requirement encourages a student to work solely for higher grades, to take as electives lower-level courses instead of more challenging higher-level courses, and to avoid courses which, though beneficial to his education, would be detrimental to his grade-point average;

BE IT RESOLVED that to become eligible for a degree with honors, a student must have an average of at least 3.70 for a degree cum laude, 3.80 for a degree magna cum laude, and 3.90 for a degree summa cum laude, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to be awarded a degree with honors, the eligible student must be certified by the faculty of the concerned college as having achieved the required grade-point average in a curriculum which has been designated by the college as one appropriate to such honors and containing those additional requirements deemed necessary by that college for an honors graduate in its curricula, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that each college or school submit official copies of its honors curricula to the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs by September 1, 1980.

AND WHEREAS, a Commencement ceremony where degrees are not conferred, and honors are not awarded is a mock Commencement,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the faculty of LSU opposes the holding of any Commencement or Graduation ceremony at which degrees are not conferred and honors not awarded, or which occurs before the recommendations of the faculty on the conferral of degrees are made official.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty recommends to the Administration that no mock Commencement ceremonies be held.