

## REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

UWEC Associate Deans in collaboration with UWEC-BC representatives are requesting a change to the University's policy on Graduation with Distinction for students graduating with an associate degree with the next possible Catalog. UW Colleges have offered graduating students with associate degrees cum laude distinction in the past.

Current Catalog Web Page: <http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#graduationtext>

*Existing Language:*

***Graduation with Distinction***

Graduation with distinction is conferred at commencement exercises upon eligible students earning a first or second baccalaureate degree.

*Proposed Language:*

***Graduation with Distinction***

Graduation with distinction is conferred at commencement exercises upon eligible students earning a first or second baccalaureate ***or associate degree***.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Registrar's office determines "Graduation with Distinction" designation and UWEC Registrar's office will be responsible for UWEC-BC beginning AY 2019-2020
2. "Graduation with Distinction" has traditionally been reserved for the baccalaureate degree only
3. Awareness of other institutions that allow for extending the "Graduation with Distinction" to associate degrees
4. Proposal was unanimously supported by UWEC Associate Deans

Pros of Recommendation:

Proposed change allows for a continued academic tradition at UWEC-BC and continuity among the two campuses.

Cons of Recommendation:

none

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee approved the change to the University's policy on Graduation with Distinction for students graduating with an associate degree.

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

by a vote of 8 for to 0 against on May 7, 2019 (Date)

Recommends that:

The change to the University's policy on Graduation with Distinction for students graduating with an associate degree starting 2019-2020 AY:

Implementation Date: 19/20 catalog

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Committee

Send to: University Senate Office