

## General Legislative Action

At its meeting on February 27, 2020, the Faculty Senate approved Class B Legislation to amend *Student Governance and Policies*, Chapter 114 (Degrees, Graduation, and Commencement). President Ana Mari Cauce has also approved the proposed legislation. This legislation requires programs to provide sufficient justification when seeking to establish a minimum required cumulative GPA for graduation exceeding 2.0, or a minimum grade requirement for individual courses required for the major exceeding 2.0. The faculty was given the opportunity to submit written objections to its substantive nature, under the Faculty Code, Chapter 22, [Section 22-74](#) Senate Procedure: Class B Actions. There were two objections to this legislation.

**Class B Legislation**  
**Student Governance and Policies**  
**Scholastic Regulations**  
**Chapter 114; Section 2 (Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree)**

### Background and Rationale

The Faculty Council on Academic Standards recommends amending Scholastic Regulations Chapter 114.2.A (Required Grade Point) based on the following findings:

- The University has set a minimum required cumulative GPA (2.00) requirement for graduation. Programs may want to establish a higher minimum cumulative GPA or a minimum grade requirement for individual courses, but the intent of this policy is that such changes are subject to approval and require justification. This policy is designed to afford programs the flexibility to request grade and GPA minimums consistent with their programmatic and academic needs, while maintaining protections for students through a rigorous process of review and approval on a case-by-case basis.

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## 2. Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree

### A. Required Grade Point

To be eligible for the bachelor's degree, an undergraduate student must achieve a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.00. Only resident credits and credits from DL courses will be used to compute the graduation grade-point average.

#### 1) Cumulative Grade Graduation Requirements:

- a) Programs may establish a requirement that students achieve a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade-point average for courses required for their major.
- b) Programs may establish a requirement that students achieve a minimum cumulative grade-point average of higher than 2.00 for courses required for their major only if the program provides sufficient documentation and justification. Programs may establish a minimum cumulative grade-point average requirement higher than 2.50 only if the program provides exceptionally strong justification.

#### 2) Minimum Grade Graduation Requirements in Individual Courses:

- a)** Programs may establish a requirement that students achieve a minimum grade in the range of 0.8 to 2.0 in each course of a subset of the courses required for a major or for every course required for a major only if the program provides sufficient documentation and justification.
- b)** Programs that request a minimum grade requirement exceeding 2.0 in each course of a subset of the courses required for the major or for every course required for a major must provide extraordinary justification.

*Approved by:*  
Faculty Senate  
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