

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

***Resolution to Recommend Changes to the Forgiveness Policy  
for University Studies Majors***

**WHEREAS** the University has adopted a policy of Forgiveness for students who have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) below 2.0 when they have met all other graduation requirements; and

**WHEREAS** such students may ask that their GPA be computed by one of two alternative methods: 1) by excluding from calculations of the GPA a maximum of ten semester hours of D or F grade earned outside the major which was taken prior to the last 60 semester hours of completed work at the University or; 2) by earning a GPA of 2.1 or higher for the last 60 semester hours of work completed at the University; and

**WHEREAS** the student will be allowed to graduate if the GPA meets either of the two alternatives; and

**WHEREAS** the University Studies major, in the College of Liberal Arts, requires that a student complete general SIUC requirements, the appropriate college requirements, 40 semester hours of upper-level coursework, and a diversified program approved by the administrator in Liberal Arts Advisement; and

**WHEREAS** it is not possible to discern "outside the major" courses for a University Studies student completing graduation requirements, since the nature of University Studies demands diversity and individualization, and because a regimented list of major courses does not exist;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate recommend that the Forgiveness Policy for University Studies students be changed to only allow one alternative method of GPA calculation: by earning a GPA of 2.1 or higher for the last 60 semester hours of work completed at the University.

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