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SGA Comments on Graduating with Honors

Cum Laude: 3.5-3.799 to 3.4-3.599

Magna Cum Laude: 3.8-3.899 to 3.6-3.799

Summa Cum Laude: 3.9-4.0 to 3.8-4.0

Students like these changes allowing more students to receive honors during graduation. The comment about Illinois Tech not being perceived as a rigorous school with these new changes was not cared for when brought up to students. Students care more about the current state of their education than branding or how Illinois Tech looks to others.

Top percentage of graduating class as a determinant for awarding levels

Senate and Academic Affairs committee strongly against this system because it will cause unhealthy competition causing problems with student life on campus.

Eliminate 100 level courses from GPA calculations

Students argued that coming in as a transfer is very hard because the students have to get used to the Illinois Tech classroom styles versus students who took 100 level classes and are used to the IIT classroom. This impact makes the GPA of transfer students possibly lower rejecting any argument that eliminating 100 level courses from GPA will help transfer students.

Increasing minimum credit requirements for honors

Students rejected this. Students with financial restrictions where being a transfer student is the only thing they can do will never have the opportunity to high honors even though they earned it. It was concluded that the last 60 hours being counted for is fair.