TO: University Curriculum Committee
FROM: College of Graduate Studies
RE: Proposed Changes to Regulation K
DATE: October 27, 2003

K – Academic Honors

K-1. Graduation with Honors. Candidates for baccalaureate degrees are graduated with honors if they satisfy
ONE of the following conditions. Note: Graduation with honors is determined at the point in time when the degree
is posted to the student’s academic record based upon the student’s grade point average at that time. Grade
corrections subsequent to the posting of the degree will be processed by the Registrar’s Office but will not impact
the honors designation for the student.

(1) Their cumulative UI grade-point averages are as specified in K-1-a, K-1-b, or K-1-c and they have earned
at least 56 credits in UI courses OR

(2) Both their cumulative UI grade-point averages AND their grade-point average from all sources (the overall
gPA on Banner) are as specified in K-1-a, K-1-b, or K-1-c, and they have earned at least 32 credits in UI
courses.

No credits earned through correspondence study, bypassed courses, credit by examination, College Level
Examination Program, experiential learning, or technical competence may be counted among these 56 or 32
credits. Candidates for the degree of Juris Doctor are graduated with honors under the same conditions, except
the grade-point average considered is based exclusively on the student’s record in the College of Law. Honors are
not awarded with graduate degrees earned through the College of Graduate Studies.

K-1-a. Candidates whose grade-point averages would place them within the top 3 percent of graduates from
their respective colleges over the preceding five years are graduated summa cum laude (with highest
distinction).

K-1-b. Candidates whose grade-point averages would place them within the top 6 percent (but below the top 3
percent) of graduates from their respective colleges over the preceding five years are graduated magna cum
laude (with great distinction).

K-1-c. Candidates whose grade-point averages would place them within the top 10 percent (but below the top
6 percent) of graduates from their respective colleges over the preceding five years are graduated cum laude
(with distinction).

K-2. Dean’s List. Undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 credits (10 in the College of Law) and
attain a grade-point average of 3.50 (3.00 in the College of Law) for a given semester are placed on lists prepared
for the college deans. [Note: The 3.50 GPA is based on 12 graded credit hours (GPA hours) and does not include
courses graded pass/fail.] These lists are publicized within UI and are distributed to news agencies.