Columbia College
Academic Senate
Resolution SP09-B
Graduation Participation Resolution

Proposed by: Dr. Lynn Martin
March 6, 2009

Whereas, Graduation is defined as conferral or receipt of an academic degree or diploma marking completion of studies and,

Whereas, Requirements for graduation at Columbia College are completion of a minimum of 60 units, a minimum 2.0 grade point average, a general education pattern and a major course of study, this earns a student an AS, AA or an ASOE degree and,

Whereas, Requirements for which a student can receive a certificate from Columbia College can be as few as 12 units and,

Whereas, A student participating in the graduation ceremony receiving a certificate could assume they have graduated from Columbia College which represents a false sense of accomplishment for themselves and within the community at large and,

Whereas, Columbia College has a responsibility to uphold high standards of representation in the state and local community and

Whereas, A certificate of achievement does not represent the highest accomplishment of academic completion that a degree represents and,

Whereas, A separate formal procedure honoring those completing certificate requirements would be more appropriate.

Therefore, Be it resolved that Columbia College graduation shall be comprised only of students receiving an AS, AA or an ASOE degree.

First Reading: March 13, 2009
Final Reading: April 10, 2009 FAILED