COMMENTS RECEIVED TO PROPOSED NEW OR REVISED POLICIES

	AP 3.25.02: Graduation	
Date Comment Received	**Comment(s)**	**Response(s)**
1-28-2026	AP 3.25.02 - 2.2.D D. "Complete at least 15 credit hours of program requirements *in-residence at PCC*;" I'm not sure what the meaning is behind this statement. Same question is directed to 6.1, "Students earning a second Bachelor Degree must complete a minimum of 30 unique credit hours compared to the previous degree with a minimum of 30 credit hours **in-residence at PCC**, 18 of which need to be upper-division." Lastly, regarding 7.1, why are we changing from "Honors" to "Distinction"?	In-residence defines the credits as earned from Pima CC through enrollment and completion of a course at Pima CC. As opposed to credits transferred in or earned through prior learning assessment. The Honors program director suggested the change to differentiate earning an Honors Certificate and graduating with Honors. Benchmarking what AZ colleges/universities do (see Maricopa) the change was made to graduating with Distinction.

2-2-2026	1. SECTION 1: Graduation Process
	  1. Change from the current language:
	    1. "Graduation is the administrative process of documenting completion of program requirements in the student information system. Graduation is processed for credit degrees, certificates and post degree certificates (here forward certificates will refer to certificates and post degree certificates), and Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) certifications."
	  2. To:
	    1. "Graduation is the administrative process of documenting completion of program requirements in the student information system. Graduation is processed for credit degrees, certificates and post degree certificates (here forward certificates will refer to certificates and post degree certificates), and Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC)."
	2. SECTION 2: Graduation Requirements
	  1. 2.3 Certificate and Post Degree Certificate Requirements
		Yes, we'll delete the trailing certifications after AGEC.
		
		The credit level of a certificate starts at 6. We understand a Provost exception has

	1. "i. Certificates with 6-24 credit hours must include at least 6 credit hours of certificate requirements in-residence at PCC;" should be adjusted to "1. Certificates with 4-24 credit hours must include at least 6 credit hours of certificate requirements in-residence at PCC (if certificate is less than 6 credits, all credits must be in-residence at PCC);" 2. 2.4 Change 1. "Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) Certification Requirements" should be adjusted to "Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) Requirements."	created a 4 credit Certificate. The exception doesn't set a new floor. The trailing Certification will be removed here as well.
2-12-2026	AP 3.25.02 - 2.2.D D: I can see why we might do this to distinguish between the Honors Program, but in decoupling from *honors* to *distinction* then the line above the bullet points, "granted <u>honors</u> designation if they meet certain overall institutional grade point averages" should read something like, "S*tudents are granted a graduation <u>distinction</u> if they meet certain overall institutional grade point averages, as follows*:" or "*Graduation <u>distinctions</u> are awarded based on a student's overall institutional grade point average, as follows*:"	Thank you for catching the hidden honors. It will be changed to distinction.