Armstrong Atlantic State University
Faculty Senate Bill 001:11/12: Graduation and Commencement
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Signature: Dr. Linda M. Bleicken
Dr. Linda M. Bleicken, President
Armstrong Atlantic State University
Preamble
Graduation is a time for reflection, a time to recognize the accomplishments of our students, and a time steeped in tradition. One of the most valued traditions of Armstrong’s graduation ceremony was the granting of degrees by discipline. Both faculty and students cherished this tradition. During the course of their academic careers, our students build strong relationships with their fellow classmates within their discipline. They have a sense of pride in their collective accomplishment, and sitting together during graduation gives them one last chance to share in their achievements as they graduate. Additionally, having students grouped by discipline allows faculty within the various departments a last chance to snap a group photo of their students in their cap and gown and beaming with pride. This past spring that tradition was replaced with the awarding of degrees alphabetically by college, which meant that all of the pride and photos went away. The purpose of this Bill is to restore this highly valued tradition to Armstrong Atlantic State University’s graduation ceremony.

Whereas graduation by discipline is a highly valued tradition by faculty and students, be it resolved that this tradition be reinstated for the fall and all subsequent graduation ceremonies at Armstrong Atlantic State University.
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Significant effort was expended by the Commencement Committee to facilitate a meaningful graduation experience for our students and their families. Practices were designed to enhance the overall experience. It is requested that a small group (one to three members) of the Faculty Senate meet with the Commencement Committee to discuss the rationale for these practices. Following this discussion, it is requested that the Senate representatives present the outcomes of this discussion to Faculty Senate at its next meeting.