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## University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees

### I. Purpose and Responsibilities

#### A. Purpose

The University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees is established jointly by the University Senate and the President of the University (SR 5.4.2.3) to identify, evaluate and recommend to the University Senate candidates for the award of an honorary degree.

#### B. Responsibilities

The joint committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

1. Identify candidates for honorary degrees through a broadcast solicitation;
2. Evaluate the qualifications of candidates and compiling a list of recommended nominees; and,
3. Transmit to the University Senate through the Office of the Senate Council Chair a list of those nominees for the award of an honorary degree endorsed by majority vote of the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees. As prescribed in SR 5.4.2.3.B.2, supporting information shall accompany each nomination forwarded by the committee.

### II. Membership

#### A. Membership Composition

The University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees shall consist of eight (8) voting members and two (2) non-voting members.

#### B. Appointment of Voting Members

1. Four (4) members shall be selected by the Senate Council from the University Faculty.

2. Two (2) members shall be selected by the President from the University Faculty.
3. The Provost, or the Provost's designee, shall serve as a voting member on the committee.
4. The Dean of the Graduate School shall serve as a voting member on the committee.

C. Appointment of Non-voting Members

The Senate Council Chair and the Vice President for Institutional Advancement shall serve as *ex officio* (non-voting) members of the committee.

D. Conditions for Appointment

1. The term of appointment for the six (6) members appointed from the University Faculty is three (3) years. The Provost, Dean of the Graduate School, Senate Council Chair and Vice President for Institutional Advancement are standing members of the committee.
2. The Dean of the Graduate School shall serve as the committee chair.
3. The President and Senate Council Chair shall confer each year before finalizing the faculty membership on the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees to ensure that the proposed list of faculty appointees is broadly representative of the faculties of the University.

III. Role of the University Senate

A. Nominations to the Board of Trustees

The ninety-four (94) elected faculty representatives in the University Senate comprise the body authorized to vote on the names placed in nomination by the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (GR IV.A). The names of those nominees favorably recommended by the elected faculty representatives in the University Senate, along with any specified supporting documentation, shall be transmitted to the UK Board of Trustees for its approval.

B. President as Chair of the University Senate

The President retains the right to address either the University Senate (in the role as the Chair of the University Senate) or the Board of Trustees (in the role as

President) about the qualifications of a nominee(s) for the award of an honorary degree.

References: KRS 164.240  
GR IV.A  
SR 5.4.2.3

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