

# ASACR 1

Office of the President  
April 1, 2014

Members, Board of Trustees:

## ESTABLISHMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE – *IN MEMORIAM POSTHUMOUS DEGREE*

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a new category and title of an honorary degree, the *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree*, and the conditions for conferral of this honorary degree.

Conditions for conferral of the *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree* are:

1. Eligibility. An *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree* allows for recognition of a student's connection to the University of Kentucky regardless of their progress toward completion of degree requirements. Undergraduate, graduate and professional students who were registered in a degree program at the time of their death, but did not complete degree requirements, are eligible for an *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree*.
2. Procedures. A proposal for conferral of an *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree* shall be initiated and processed as follows:
  - a. Upon being made aware of the deceased student by either the family or chair of the student's home department, the Dean's Office of the student's college shall consult with the student's degree program and the Dean of Students Office to review the student's academic record, to confirm that at the time of death:
    - (1) the student was in a UK degree-seeking status, and
    - (2) the student was in good academic standing
  - b. The Dean's Office shall forward the request for an *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree* to the Office of the University Registrar and to the University Senate.
  - c. If approved, the elected Faculty Senators shall forward the request by the degree list process to the University President for transmittal to the Board of Trustees for final action. The elected Faculty Senators may vote to disapprove forwarding the recommendation. In such rare cases, the elected Faculty Senators will provide, through the Senate Council, a written justification of the disapproval to the President (Chair of the Senate).

- d. Upon final approval by the Board of Trustees, the Office of University Registrar shall prepare an *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree* diploma for the student's family. The diploma document for this honorary degree title will be structured the same as for other honorary degrees (SR 5.4.5.B).

(To Be Codified in the *University Senate Rules*)

Background: Pursuant to *Governing Regulation IV.A* and *University Senate Rule 5.4.5.A*, the elected faculty of the University Senate seeks to provide to the families of deceased students who have not completed requirements for a degree, a meaningful acknowledgment of the achievements and legacy of the student and uphold academic and institutional integrity. To meet these goals, the elected faculty recommend a new category and title of honorary degree, *In Memoriam Honorary Degree*, be established upon final action by the Board of Trustees.

The proposal has been approved by the elected faculty of the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_