

Snippet of Senate Rules Pertaining to In Memoriam Honorary Degrees

5.4.5.3 In Memoriam Degrees

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5.4.5.3.1 Purpose

Pursuant to Senate Rule 5.4.5.A, the University of Kentucky Senate seeks to provide the families of deceased students who had not completed requirements for a degree with a meaningful acknowledgment of the achievements and legacy of the student and, at the same time, uphold academic and institutional integrity. To meet these goals, the UK Board of Trustees has established a new category and title of Honorary Degree (Board of Trustees ASACR 1, April 1, 2014), In Memoriam Posthumous Degree (hereafter In Memoriam degree), to be conferred posthumously upon final action by the Board of Trustees.

5.4.5.3.2 Conditions for Conferral of In Memoriam Degrees

5.4.5.3.2.1 Eligibility

An In Memoriam 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 degree.

5.4.5.3.2.2 Procedures

A proposal for conferral of an In Memoriam degree shall be initiated and processed as follows:

5.4.5.3.2.2.1 Initiation and role of the Dean

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, the Dean of Students Office, the Senate Council office, and the Office of the Registrar to review the student's academic and disciplinary record, to confirm that, at the time of death, the student was in a UK degree-seeking status, and the student was in good academic standing.

5.4.5.3.2.2.2 Role of the Registrar

The Dean's Office shall forward the request for an In Memoriam degree to the Office of the University Registrar. The University Registrar shall process the request and place the deceased student's name on an In Memoriam degree list for Senate action.

5.4.5.3.2.2.3 Senate action

In the likely event that the elected Faculty Senators approve the recommendation of each In Memoriam degree along with other degrees, the Senate Council office shall forward the recommendation to the

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University President for transmittal to the Board of Trustees for final action. In the rare event that the elected Faculty Senators do not approve the recommendation of the In Memoriam degree candidate, the elected Faculty Senators will provide, through the Senate Council, a written justification of the disapproval to the President (Chair of the Senate).

5.4.5.3.2.2.4 Diploma

Upon final approval by the Board of Trustees, the University Registrar shall prepare an In Memoriam 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 5.4.5.2).