

University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees - AR 11:4

The Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

- A. Identify candidates for honorary degrees through a broadcast solicitation*;
- B. Evaluate the qualifications of candidates and compile a list of recommended nominees; and,
- C. 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 Committee.

* Members of the Committee may not nominate candidates for honorary degrees.

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III. Membership

The Committee shall be appointed by the President in his role as the Chair of the University Senate and shall consist of seven (7) appointed members and four (4) ex-officio members. Appointed members and ex officio members are designated as voting or non-voting below.

1. Appointed Members

- (a) Four (4) members shall be selected by the Senate Council from the University Faculty (voting).
- (b) Two (2) members shall be selected by the President from the University Faculty (voting).
- (c) One appointed member of the Board of Trustees shall be selected by the Chair of the Board of Trustees to serve as the Board's Liaison (non-voting) to the Committee.

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2. Ex-Officio and other Members

- (a) The Provost, or the Provost's designee, shall serve as an *ex officio* member on the committee (voting).
- (b) The Dean of the Graduate School shall serve as an *ex officio* member on the committee (voting). Also serves as Committee Chair.
- (c) The Senate Council Chair shall serve as *ex officio* member of the committee (non-voting).
- (d) The President shall designate one other member of the committee from the senior administration (non-voting).

The President and Senate Council Chair shall confer each year before finalizing the faculty membership on the Committee to ensure that the proposed list of faculty appointees is broadly representative of the University faculty.

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Role of the University Senate

... transmit names of nominees favorably recommended along with supporting documentation, through the President in his role as the Chair of the University senate to the Board for its approval.

Role of the President

The President shall transmit to the Board the names of those nominees favorably recommended by the University Senate along with any supporting documentation.

University Senate Rules 5.5.2.3

Conditions of Circumstances for Honorary Degrees

Role of the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UJCHD) (5.5.2.3.1)

Role of the Elected Faculty Senators in the University Senate (5.5.2.3.2)

Circumstances for Award of Honorary Degrees (5.5.2.3.3)

Titles of Honorary Degrees (5.5.2.3.4)

University Senate Rules 5.5.2.4

Conditions of Merit for Honorary Degrees

Graduate School website on Honorary Doctoral Degrees

<https://gradschool.uky.edu/honorary-doctoral-degrees>

Reiterates the University Senate criteria and eligibility guidelines with links to relevant AR and Senate Rules

Specifies the nomination package requirements (and due date):

- A cover page listing the primary contact person for the nomination, including address, phone number, email and a list of supporting materials included in the nomination package;
- A letter of nomination setting forth the nominee's qualifications relative to the criteria stated above;
- Curriculum Vitae or Bio/professional resume or summary;
- A minimum of two letters of support in addition to the primary letter of nomination;
- Optional additional information which the nominator deems appropriate.