AWARD OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREES

PURPOSE

To define the policy pertaining to award of posthumous degrees. This policy does not apply to award of honorary degrees.

A. Undergraduate degrees

1. The student was enrolled at the time of death in courses required for completion of the degree.
2. The student was in good academic standing.
3. The recommendation for award of the degree must be made by the student's major department and subsequently approved by the appropriate departmental faculty, chair, and college dean.

B. Graduate degrees

1. At the time of death, the student was near completion of the work required for the degree.
   
   a. If in a non-thesis program, the student was enrolled in his/her last semester.

   b. If in a thesis program, the student had written papers or recorded sets of research results that are able to be assembled into a form equivalent to a thesis or dissertation.

2. The student was in good standing.

3. Recommendation for award of the degree is made by the student's graduate committee and subsequently approved by the appropriate department chair and college dean, the Graduate Council, and the dean of the Graduate School.

C. Extraordinary Circumstances

1. Cases that do not meet the above criteria may also be considered when extraordinary circumstances prevail.

2. In these cases, request for award of the degree must be reviewed and approved by the
appropriate faculty, department chair, dean or deans, as well as the Graduate Council, if applicable.

All recommendations for award of posthumous undergraduate and graduate degrees must be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Upon approval by the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the recommendation will be submitted to the Chancellor. When the Chancellor approves the recommendation, it is then forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final action.