

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

***Resolution to Recommend a Policy for Awarding
Posthumous Degrees to Undergraduate Students***

WHEREAS it is the judgment of the Faculty Senate that posthumous degrees can justifiably be awarded when the candidate has substantially completed the work for the degree; and

WHEREAS such posthumous degrees honor the academic achievement of such students, and provide comfort for the family, peer students, and instructors; and

WHEREAS guidelines have been vague in awarding such degrees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommends a policy for awarding undergraduate posthumous degrees that reads:

The determination for awarding posthumous degrees rests with the dean of the degree-granting unit concerned, in consultation with the appropriate department. In general, the student should: 1) have achieved senior class status or equivalent; and 2) have a grade point average sufficient to be eligible for graduation; and 3) have been enrolled in the University at the time of onset of a serious illness or death.

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