

AGENDA ITEM: C.2.c.1.

AGENDA TOPIC: Honorary Degrees Policy, 33556-10-05

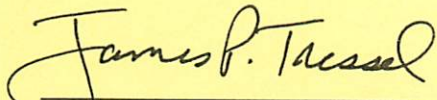
STAFF CONTACT(S): Martin A. Abraham, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

BACKGROUND: A University Policy is a written directive or governing principle, which is formally approved by the University's Board of Trustees and which has broad application throughout the University. Occasionally, the Board may discuss a policy prior to changes being implemented.

SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS: The Board of Trustees asked to review the policy on Honorary Degrees to consider potential changes.

RESOLUTION: N/A – DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY

REVIEWED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

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James P. Tressel, President

3356-10-05 Honorary degrees.

Previous Policy Number: 1005.01
Responsible Division/Office: Academic Affairs
Responsible Officer: Provost and VP for Academic Affairs
Revision History: October 1997; July 2009; June 2011;
June 2013
Board Committee: Academic Quality and Student Success
Effective Date: June 12, 2013
Next Review: 2018

- (A) Policy statement. The board of trustees shall grant honorary degrees in recognition of a significant impact on the university, on the community, state or nation, or on society. Such degrees will be conferred at commencements or at special convocations.
- (B) Procedures.
- (1) Criteria for nomination of individuals to receive an honorary degree are determined by the provost/vice-president for academic affairs.
 - (2) Faculty, staff, board of trustees members and/or anyone associated with the university may submit nominations for honorary degree candidates to the academic events committee of the academic senate or directly to the provost/vice president for academic affairs. When nominations are made directly to the provost, the provost will forward the nominations to the academic events committee if time permits.
 - (3) The academic events committee of the academic senate “shall be responsible for making recommendations concerning policy governing academic events such as graduation ceremonies, honors convocations, inaugural ceremonies, and recommend candidates for honorary degrees to the university’s president.”
 - (4) The executive cabinet will review the credentials of all the candidates recommended for an honorary degree and will submit a list of no more than twenty candidates for approval by the

academic quality and student success committee of the board of trustees at its March meeting. It is the expectation that candidates for honorary degrees for the next academic year will be selected from this list.

- (5) The recommendation(s) of the academic quality and student success committee will be forwarded to the board of trustees for action.