

SENATE ACTION FORM

No. 1223

Subject: Posthumous Degrees catalog update

Reference to Senate Minutes dated: October 25, 2021

Senate Action:

MOTION: APC – It is moved to approve the revisions to the Posthumous Degrees catalog language as presented.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

Response requested:

- Approval for placement in University Catalog**
- Approval for placement in University Regulations
- Recommendation to Board for placement in Board Policy Manual
- None (sent as information item)
- Other action requested/comments: **Administrative review and Presidential approval requested.**



Faculty Senate Chair

11/4/2021

Date

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Administrative review of Senate action (unnecessary for information items):

Reviewed by **VPAA/Provost**. Check if comments attached

Reviewed by **General Counsel**. Check if comments attached

Presidential action:

Approve Reject Return to Senate for discussion/modification (comments attached)

President/Designated Administrative Officer

Date

Date of Board approval (if applicable): n/a

PLEASE RETURN SIGNED ORIGINAL AND ATTACHMENT TO THE FACULTY SENATE OFFICE, CARTER HALL 2004, BOX 75.
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Attachment to Senate Action #1223

Approved by the Faculty Senate

October 25, 2021

Placement: University Catalogs, sections for Undergraduate (UG) and Graduate (GR) are the same
(additions/deletions highlighted)

UG Catalog: <https://unco.smartcatalogiq.com/Current/Undergraduate-Catalog/Undergraduate-Information-and-Policies/Student-Policies-and-Procedures/Posthumous-Degrees>

GR Catalog: <https://unco.smartcatalogiq.com/Current/Graduate-Catalog/General-Information/Policies-and-Procedures/Posthumous-Degrees>

Posthumous Degrees

- (1) The request to award a posthumous degree may be initiated by the decedent's family, major department/school, or college, as well as by the Dean of Students.
- (2) The Dean of Students, in consultation with the Registrar and, when appropriate, the Dean of the Graduate School and/or the decedent's department/school or college, shall determine whether the following two conditions have been met:
 - (a) The student would have been eligible to graduate at the end of the semester or term, assuming satisfactory completion of enrolled course work and any additional degree requirements. Academic performance during the semester or term, however, shall ~~will~~ not be scrutinized or evaluated.
 - (b) At the time of death, there were no outstanding criminal charges or violations of the Student Code of Conduct against the student, nor did the student die in the commission of a criminal act or violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
 - (c) If the parties named in the first sentence of (2) above determine that there are extenuating circumstances, then the student shall be considered eligible for a posthumous degree.
- (3) Upon determination that the student is eligible for a posthumous degree, the Dean of Students shall contact the decedent's family to determine whether the family approves of the posthumous degree award.
- (4) Upon approval from the family, the Dean of Students shall communicate approval to the Registrar, who shall ~~will~~ withdraw the student from all unfinished registered course work, order the appropriate diploma, and arrange for the decedent's listing in the commencement program. If by this point it is no longer possible for the Registrar to execute these tasks in time for the forthcoming commencement, the posthumous degree shall be awarded at the next commencement.

- (5) The Registrar shall send notice of the posthumous degree award to the President, the Provost, and the decedent's major department/school and college.
- (6) The President shall write a letter to the decedent's family announcing the posthumous degree award and the date of the commencement ceremony at which the degree shall will be granted.
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