

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY DEGREES

at

### Eastern Kentucky University

#### I. Selection of Candidates

- A. The President shall appoint a University Standing Committee (The Honorary Degree Nomination Committee) of faculty and staff to screen potential candidates.
- B. The Committee shall make a call for nominations to the University community through appropriate communication vehicles.
- C. All nominations will be sent to the President's office for distribution to the committee.
- D. The Honorary Degree Nomination Committee shall receive all nominations and may itself initiate the nomination of potential candidates.

The normal time line for submission is as follows, however the committee will accept nominations at any time

- September 15: Call for Nominations to the University Community
- October 15: All nominations will be submitted by the President's office to the committee for review.
- November 20: Committee will submit recommendations to the President for Honorary Degree recipients.

- E. The person nominating a candidate shall submit documentation that includes the following:
  - 1. A letter of support, citing the candidate's field of expertise and their significant contribution to their field and/or Eastern Kentucky University.
  - 2. A biography or Curriculum Vitae on the candidate. The committee may request additional documentation about the nominee.
  - 3. Letters of reference or other information that would illustrate the candidates prominence.
- F. The committee chair will seek feedback, in confidence, from the chair of the department most closely associated with the nominee prior to committee deliberations.
- G. The President's office will maintain a log of all individuals nominated. The President's office will take responsibility for all written correspondence with the individual nominating the candidate and the candidate.
- H. Nominees can be accepted, rejected or put on hold for consideration for a period of three years.
- I. The names of potential candidates approved by the committee shall be submitted first to the President and then to the Board of Regents for approval.

#### II. Number of Degrees

*It is recommended that not more than four honorary degrees be awarded during one calendar year.*

#### III. Occasion for Awarding Degrees

Honorary degrees shall be awarded only on commencement days and on such special occasions as may be approved by the President and Board of Regents.

IV. **Kinds of Honorary Degrees Awarded**

The kinds of honorary Degrees which may be awarded shall be:

Doctor of Humanities (L.H.D.)  
Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)  
Doctor of Pedagogy (Ped. D.)  
Doctor of Science (Sc.D.)

V. **Qualifications of Recipients**

- A. The recipient shall be distinguished in their field and have demonstrated exemplary service. This recognition should focus attention on the University community's commitment to the recognition of the development of knowledge and humanity.
- B. No current member of the Board of Regents nor active faculty/staff member shall be so honored.
- C. Honorary degrees shall be granted posthumously or in absentia only in unusual circumstances.

VI. **Form of Resolution to the Board of Regents**

- A. The resolution presented to the Board of Regents shall contain the committee's recommendation, a citation, a biography of the proposed recipient, and the President's recommendation.
- B. Upon approval of the Board of Regents the recipient shall be notified and asked to accept the degree by the President's office.

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