
Absent: Beverly Armento, Rankin Cooter, Norman Crandell, Tim Crimmins, Ron Henry, Hugh Hudson, Richard Miller, Mike Moore, Fran Mullis, Barbara Reilly, James Scott.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 5, 1998 and December 1, 1998 meetings were approved as distributed.

Announcement

The meeting scheduled for March 11 has been canceled and rescheduled for March 18, 1999 at 12:20. The principal item on the agenda will be the Academic Calendar.

Carolyn Crutchfield volunteered to serve on the Appeals Committee is needed for this term.

Consideration of the Searcy petition

Per normal procedure, when a committee member disagrees with the recommendation of the student petition subcommittee, the full committee must meet to discuss the dissenting opinion. The person who made the objection was not in attendance at this meeting and the committee approved the motion to uphold the subcommittee’s recommendation to deny Mr. Chad Searcy’s petition to change his academic standing from probation to warning.

Motion on Posthumous Degrees

The committee approved the motion to approved a policy on awarding posthumous degrees. The first section of the policy represents a decision that in certain cases posthumous degrees should be awarded automatically upon request. However, there are other cases in which it may or may not be appropriate to grant posthumous degrees. Ideally, one would give the posthumous degree to students who 1) died late in a term, 2) would have graduated in the next term, and 3) had an exceptionally good record. The motion specifies that students who fall under the requirements listed in Section 1 would automatically get the degree if someone asked for them to receive it and that other cases would go through Admissions and Standards’ normal process of a petition for a waiver of university graduation requirements. Rather than create a new process/committee to hand posthumous degree cases, they will simply be considered under the existing process of a petition for a waiver of university graduation requirements.

Section 1

A posthumous undergraduate degree shall be awarded upon the request for concurrence of the family or friends of the deceased if, at the time of death, the student

1. was 15 or fewer semester hours short of the number of semester hours required to complete the degree which the student was seeking and

2. the student was in good standing.

Section 2

Additional posthumous degrees may be awarded through Admissions and Standards' normal process of petition for a waiver of university graduation requirements.

Section 3

Requests for a posthumous degree should be made to the Office of the Registrar.

Section 4

Colleges and Schools are encouraged to develop policies on posthumous graduate degrees.

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