

## 11.07.99.R1 Conferring of Honorary Degrees

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### Rule Summary

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The Texas A&M University System Policy *11.07 Granting of Honorary Degrees* provides guidelines for the granting of honorary degrees. The Texas A&M University-Commerce rule on granting honorary degrees governs the University in matters not detailed in system policy.

It is necessary to have a method for recommending an individual for an honorary degree, for reviewing the individual's accomplishments, and for involving faculty, staff, and administrators in the decision-making process.

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### Procedures and Responsibilities

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#### 1 SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

- 1.1 A standing honorary degree committee, consisting of nine members, will be appointed by the President. The chair is appointed by the President from the faculty representation on the committee. The committee shall meet as often as it deems necessary to consider the names which have been proposed as recipients.
- 1.2 Nominations for recipients of honorary degrees shall be made to the President by university faculty, staff, administration, current students, or alumni. Nominations must be accompanied by a letter of nomination, current vita, and other appropriate supporting material.

#### 2 APPROVAL OF RECIPIENTS AND NOTIFICATION

- 2.1 Nominations, along with supporting material, are forwarded to the Honorary Degree Committee. The Honorary Degree Committee will report its recommendations regarding prospective recipients to the President for approval.
- 2.2 Recommendations for honorary degree recipients shall be forwarded to the chancellor in accordance with system deadlines for items requiring approval by the Board of Regents.
- 2.3 The notification of the person selected to receive an honorary degree shall be made by the President. Attendant publicity shall then be given the granting of the award.

### 3 AWARDING OF DEGREES

Degrees should be conferred at a regular commencement ceremony. No honorary degree should be conferred in absentia.

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#### **Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements**

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System Policy [\*11.07 Granting of Honorary Degrees\*](#)

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#### **Revision History**

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