

Procedure: Consideration of Posthumous
Degree Candidates

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Approved by: Faculty Senate

- A. Initial recommendation of a candidate for a posthumous degree is made by the appropriate division or department of the faculty to their Dean. If the Dean agrees, the recommendation is routed as follows, if approved at each step:
1. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
 2. Chair of the Faculty Senate and ECOS
 3. Faculty Senate, presented by the nominating department during executive session.
- B. Information provided to ECOS and faculty senators should indicate
1. Type of degree
 2. Major
 3. Candidate's progress towards earning the degree. Indicators of progress could include:
 - a. standing (e.g., junior, senior)
 - b. number of credits completed towards their major (>50% completed)
 - c. total number of credits completed
 - d. grade point average
 - e. completion of general education requirements
- C. Optional indicators of the candidate's leadership, skill or enthusiasm include:
1. faculty comments
 2. awards, honors, scholarships, or other recognition in their field
 3. personal or professional activities (e.g., tutoring, school committees, student organizations)

After approval by the Senate, the Dean writes to the family and the name of the candidate is entered into the Commencement Bulletin.