

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Academics

POLICY
NAME: Honorary Degrees

POLICY
NUMBER: 4510

A. PURPOSE

To establish the expectations and criteria for the Nebraska State Colleges to award an honorary doctorate degree.

B. DEFINITIONS

None

C. POLICY

1. General Policies

- 1.1. An honorary doctorate degree may be awarded by the Board upon recommendadtion of the Chancellor and President.
- 1.2. The following honorary degrees may be granted:
 - Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.);
 - Doctor of Pedagogy (Ped.D.);
 - Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.);
 - Doctor of Science (Sc.D.); and
 - Docgtor of Laws (L.L.D.).
- 1.3. The President shall, in consultation with a College committee composed of faculty, students and administration designated by the President, select the College nominees for the honorary degrees.
- 1.4. The President will forward the nominees to the Chancellor at least one (1) month prior to the meeting at which Board approval will be requested.
- 1.5. Nominees are to be approved by the Board prior to their notification and selection.
- 1.6. The award shall be made during graduation exercises.

2. Award Criteria

- 2.1. The purpose of the degree is to honor and offer academic recognition to individuals who have distinguished themselves through extraordinary achievements in their professions, scholarship, civic engagement, or creative activities; exceptional acts of philanthropy; or significant contributions to the welfare and/or development of society.
- 2.2. Preference shall be given to nominations of persons who are connected in some significant way with the state or the College, although a connection is not a pre-requisite to an honorary degree.
- 2.3. The degree should be awarded in honor of extraordinary achievement over an entire career rather than to honor a single achievement.
- 2.4. No degree shall be solely conferred in consideration of the payment of money or other valuable items or materials.
- 2.5. Candidates cannot be current employees.
- 2.6. An honorary degree may not be given posthumously.

FORMS/APPENDICES

None

SOURCE:

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