

IX. DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS

A. DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS IN COURSE

All academic programs leading to the bachelor's, masters, or doctoral degrees, or to a professional diploma, must be authorized by the Trustees. The requirements for and designation of offered degrees shall be established by regulations, as required by Chapter IV. Degrees and diplomas shall be awarded by the Trustees upon recommendation of the appropriate school or college faculty, transmitted to the Trustees by the President of the University.

B. HONORARY DEGREES

Nominees for honorary degrees may be submitted by members or former members of the Trustees, members of the faculty, and alumni. All recommendations shall be submitted in writing to the President of the University by a designated date each year. The President shall refer all nominations to a joint committee consisting of not more than four members of the Trustees appointed annually by the President of the Trustees, three members of the appropriate faculty committee chosen annually by that committee, and the President of the University who shall preside as chairperson without vote.

The joint committee shall canvass fully the achievements and qualifications of persons nominated in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Notable contribution to the health, education, or general welfare of the people of the State.
2. Outstanding accomplishment on either a state or national level by alumni of the University.
3. Accomplishment so outstanding as to have won recognition on a national or international level.

All deliberations and votes of the joint committee shall be secret except for official records where required. Any candidate who receives an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the joint committee shall be recommended by the Trustees. The Trustees will award an honorary degree only upon recommendation of the joint committee, but reserves full discretion in respect to approval or disapproval of joint committee recommendations.

The honorary degree awarded shall reflect the accomplishments and contributions of the recipient. This shall include the Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Science, or other honorary degree as appropriate. It normally shall be awarded only at the time of Commencement.