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Granting of Honorary Degrees

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Supplements System Policy 11.07, Granting of Honorary Degrees

Procedure Statement

West Texas A&M University is governed by The Texas A&M University System's Policies and Regulations. The purpose of this procedure is to recognize excellence in fields of public affairs, the sciences, humanities and the arts, scholarship and education, business and philanthropy, and social services which exemplify the mission, role and scope of WTAMU; to honor meritorious and outstanding service to WTAMU, the State of Texas, the United States, or humanity at large; and to recognize persons whose lives exemplify the aspirations of the University or its students.

Criteria for Procedure

Degree recipients shall be individuals who have distinguished themselves in sustained scholarly activity in the fields of public affairs, humanities and the arts, the sciences, education, business and philanthropy, or services to humanity. A degree may be awarded to an individual from industry or government who has achieved national or international distinction by significant contributions to society at large and scholarly pursuits in particular.

Persons not Eligible:

Current employees of West Texas A&M University; individuals who have direct political, legal or budgetary authority over WTAMU; or individuals in consideration for past, present, or future gift or other benefaction to WTAMU.

Procedures and Responsibilities

Members of the University (faculty, staff, and administration), The Texas A&M University System personnel, A&M System Board of Regents, WTAMU students or alumni may submit the name(s) of potential honorary degree recipients for consideration to the President. Nominations for honorary degrees must be

accompanied with a letter of nomination and current vitae. Upon receipt of the nomination, the President will appoint an Honorary Degree Selection Committee consisting of five tenured faculty members to review the nominations. The Honorary Degree Selection Committee shall make recommendations following the guidelines in System Policy 11.07 (purpose, criteria for selection and limitations on eligibility) to the President who selects the final nominee(s) to be submitted the Chancellor for approval by the Board of Regents. Recommendations will be sent to the Board of Regents at least six weeks before the time to grant the degree. At the option of the President, confidentiality will be maintained until granting of the degree.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Texas A&M University System Policy 11.07, Granting of Honorary Degrees

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