




# HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

September 26, 2017

TO: Julie Alderson, University Senate Chair

FROM: Lisa A. Rossbacher, President 

RE: Approval of University Senate Resolution 01-17/18-APC - Resolution on the Honorary Degree Nominating Committee

I concur with Senate Resolution 01-17/18-APC Honorary Degree Nominating Committee as noted. Please consider this memo as approval of this resolution.

**HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY  
University Senate**

**Resolution on the Honorary Degree Nominating Committee**

01-17/18-APC – September 19, 2017 – Second Reading

**RESOLVED:** That the University Senate accepts the following changes to the Honorary Degree Nominating Committee.

**RATIONALE:** The changes make the Provost the committee chair, instead of the Vice President of Advancement. This change seems more appropriate given the nomination includes the award of an (honorary) academic degree. The changes remove one of the two Deans on the committee. This change better balances the administrative and faculty representation given that there are now only two faculty members on the committee: the Senate Chair and the Faculty President are now one person. Finally, the changes remove replication of CSU policy on this matter; instead, the policy simply refers to existing CSU policy.

# Honorary Degree Nominating Committee

## EM: P06-04

### Academic Affairs

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Applies to: Faculty, staff and students

Issued: MM/DD/YYYY  
Revised: MM/DD/YYYY  
Edited: MM/DD/YYYY  
Reviewed: MM/DD/YYYY

#### **Purpose of the Policy**

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This policy establishes the committee for nominating honorary degree recipients.

#### **History**

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*All changes must be listed chronologically in the format below, including all edits and reviews. Note when the policy name or number changes. Note if an edit or revision date is exclusively for the policy section or the procedure section:*

Issued: 09/DD/2006  
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All honorary degrees are conferred by the Board of Trustees of the California State University in the name of the California State University or in the names of the California State University and a campus. The Board of Trustees of the California State University allows campus presidents are allowed to nominate no more than two persons for an honorary degree in any given academic year.

The Honorary Degree Nominating Committee is established under CSU Trustee Policy which provides that the "campus president, after consultation with the executive committee of the campus academic senate, shall establish an honorary degree selection committee that includes faculty representation..." and that this Committee "...shall review recommendations and assist in the development and compilation of materials in support of nominations to be forwarded." will serve as the campus review committee to invite, receive and evaluate campus recommendations for honorary degrees.

The Honorary Degree Nominating Committee members will consist of:

Chair: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Vice President, University Advancement

Type: Administrative

Meetings: As needed

Membership:

Vice President, University Advancement  
~~Provost/Vice President, Academic Affairs~~

~~Dean, Research, Economic and Community Development~~ Graduate Studies & President, General Faculty  
Chair, University Academic Senate (General Faculty President)

President, Alumni Association An alumni representative selected by the President

A faculty member selected by (recommended by the Senate Appointments Committee for appointment by the President) (two-year term)

Dean (appointed by the Provost in consultation with the Senate Executive Committee) (two-year term)

President, Associated Students

The Honorary Degree Nominating Committee will develop and periodically review campus guidelines for honorary degrees, in keeping with the criteria established by CSU Trustee Policy.

At the beginning of each fall semester, the Honorary Degree Nominating Committee will solicit nominations for review from faculty, staff, and alumni annually at the beginning of the fall semester. This process will be administered by University Advancement in accordance with the guidelines provided in CSU Trustee Policy Board of Trustees' Guidelines. The guidelines are included in the attachment section of AA-2005-44, which can be viewed at <http://www.calstate.edu/acadAff/codedmemos/index.shtml>.

While the Committee is not required to make any nomination in a given year, the Committee will report each year its deliberations and recommendations to the President by the first of November first of each year. Recommendations will be forwarded to the President by mid-November.

The deliberations of the Committee and all material pertaining to recommendations for honorary degrees will be strictly handled as confidential.

**From:** Mary S Watson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017 11:55 AM  
**To:** Lisa Rossbacher; Alexander Enyedi  
**Cc:** Paula Petersen; Mary Hackett; Kay Libolt; Kerri J. Malloy; Julia Alderson  
**Subject:** For your approval: 01-17/18-APC - Resolution on the Honorary Degree Nominating Committee  
**Attachments:** 01-APC-HonoraryDegree091217\_SecondReading.pdf; HonoraryDegreePolicy09122017\_second reading.docx; HonoraryDegreePolicy09122017\_second reading.pdf

Dear President Rossbacher and Provost Enyedi,

Senate approved **01-17/18-APC - Resolution on the Honorary Degree Nominating Committee** at yesterday's meeting. I've attached both the Resolution (in .pdf format) and the policy (in both word and .pdf) for review.

Since it is a campus policy, I presume one of you needs to approve it, but there is no recommending body listed in the text of the actual Resolution indicating which of you needs to do so.

If you could please let me know when this Resolution has been approved, I'll post it to the Senate website. Thank you for your time and clarification.

Regards,

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