11.07.99.C1 Granting Honorary Degrees

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Revision History

Rule Summary

This rule establishes a framework within which Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) may recommend an individual for an honorary degree so that the person's accomplishments and service are considered prior to the awarding of the degree. This rule allows for the participation of faculty, staff, and The Texas A&M University System (System) Board of Regents in the decision-making process. This rule should be read in conjunction with System Policy *11.07, Granting of Honorary Degrees*.

Rule

1. UNIVERSITY PROCESS FOR THE GRANTING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

1.1. Members of the faculty, administration, or Board of Regents may submit nominations for honorary degrees. Materials are submitted to the Honorary Degree Recommendation Panel and should include a letter of nomination, the nominee's vitae, and supporting letters. Although nominations should generally be submitted to the panel at least seven months in advance of the commencement ceremony, the Office of the Provost should be contacted for exact information on the Board of Regents' deadlines.

1.2. In reviewing nominations, the panel will follow the guidelines in System Policy *11.07, Granting of Honorary Degrees* regarding the purpose of honorary degrees, the selection criteria, and the eligibility limitations. Recommendations approved by the panel will be forwarded to the president, along with supporting documentation. The panel also will notify the dean/director of the academic unit (e.g., college, school, library) of the recommendation.

1.3. The president will review the recommendations in consultation with the president's cabinet. Recommendations approved by the president will be forwarded to the chancellor in accordance with System deadlines.

1.4. Confidentiality will be maintained until the Board of Regents agenda is distributed.

1.5. Events involving the honorary degree recipient should be coordinated with the Division of Institutional Advancement.

2. REVOCATION OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

2.1. In consultation with the legal counsel of theSystem, TAMU-CC may revoke an honorary degree and rescind any privileges granted if the holder is found to be involved in activities that are deemed to be scandalous, disgraceful, or illegal in nature or reflect poorly upon TAMU-CC or the System. Additionally, the university may revoke an honorary degree if fraudulent, misleading, or erroneous information was provided during the initial assessment (even if such information was not provided by the recipient) for the honorary degree.

2.2. If an honorary degree is revoked, all statements indicating that the former recipient is a TAMU-CC honorary degree holder must cease.

2.3. The decision to revoke an honorary degree will be reviewed by the Honorary Degree Recommendation Panel. In consultation with the President's Cabinet and the System, the president will make the final decision on revocation. The decision is not appealable.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Texas Education Code Section 37.123
System Policy *11.07, Granting of Honorary Degrees*

This rule supersedes:

- *11.07.99.C0.01, Granting Honorary Degrees*

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