

POSTHUMOUS RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS

POLICY NUMBER: AAPC-POSTHUMOUSDEG

POLICY TYPE: ACADEMIC & ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL TITLE: PROVOST & EXEC. VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: OFFICE OF THE VICE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11/30/2012

MOST RECENT REVIEW DATE: 06/16/2023

NEXT REVIEW DATE: PREVIOUS REVIEW PLUS FOUR (4) YEARS – 06/16/2027

SUPERSEDES REVISION DATED: 11/21/2015

BOARD OF REGENTS REPORTING (CHECK ONE):

☒ PRESIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION (CONSENT AGENDA/VOTING ITEM)

☐ PRESIDENTIAL REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)

I. POLICY STATEMENT

Northern Kentucky University (NKU) recognizes the importance of acknowledging significant student achievement at all times, including following the death of a student who has made substantial progress towards the completion of a degree or a credential at NKU or is enrolled as a student at NKU.

A. POSTHUMOUS DEGREE

1. A posthumous degree may be awarded if all of the following conditions are met:
 - a. The student had been in good academic standing in their academic program of study at the time of death.
 - b. At the time of death, the student had completed 75% of program requirements.
2. The student is nominated by the Chair/School Director of the student's major/program and then approved by the College Dean, giving consideration to the student's academic standing during their tenure at NKU.

Nominations from the chair/director are forwarded to the President with recommendations from the Dean and Provost. If approved by the President, the recommendation goes to the Board of Regents for final approval. Approval from the Board of Regents is required to award the posthumous degree.

3. The student's family will be consulted, so as to best comply with their wishes. If desired by the student's family, the appropriate degree diploma will be awarded at the commencement at which the student would otherwise have been recognized.
4. The posthumous degree will not be noted on the student's academic transcript. Other documentation that a posthumous degree was awarded will be made by the University Registrar.

B. POSTHUMOUS CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

In the event that it is determined that a student did not meet the requirements for a posthumous degree outlined in section A above, a “posthumous certificate of recognition” may be awarded, if appropriate, by the President. The certificate recognizes a student’s enrollment at NKU and progress toward the attainment of a degree.

1. A posthumous certificate of recognition can be issued if all of the following conditions are met:
 - a. The student is enrolled at NKU but does not meet the requirements for awarding a posthumous degree.
 - b. The student is in good academic standing at the time of death.
2. The student is nominated and approved in the same manner as described in section A above, except that there is no approval from the Board of Regents.
3. The certificate will not be noted in the student's transcript.

II. ENTITIES AFFECTED

President, Provost, Vice Provost of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Vice Provost of Graduate Education Research & Outreach, College Deans, Department Chairs, School Directors, Program Directors, Associate Deans, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and Special Events

REVISION HISTORY

REVISION TYPE	MONTH/YEAR APPROVED
Revision & Name Change	June 16, 2023
Revision	April 21, 2015
Policy – “Posthumous Degree”	November 30, 2012

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PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL

PRESIDENT (INTERIM)

Signature

Bonita Brown

Date

6/16/23

Bonita Brown

BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVAL

BOARD OF REGENTS (IF FORWARDED BY PRESIDENT)

☒ This policy was forwarded to the Board of Regents on the **Presidential Report (information only)**.

Date of Board of Regents meeting at which this policy was reported: 11 / 8 / 2023.

☐ This policy was forwarded to the Board of Regents as a **Presidential Recommendation (consent agenda/voting item)**.

☐ The Board of Regents approved this policy on ____ / ____ / ____.

(Attach a copy of Board of Regents meeting minutes showing approval of policy.)

☐ The Board of Regents rejected this policy on ____ / ____ / ____.

(Attach a copy of Board of Regents meeting minutes showing rejection of policy.)

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Signature

Tammy Knochelmann

Date

11/9/2023

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