University Senate September 10, 2007

Proposed Changes to Administrative Regulations AR III-1.0-6

Rationale: The previous committee on honorary degrees included a Board of Trustees (BoT) member. However, in its newest incarnation this committee's membership does not include a BoT member. This particular change was unintentional. The BoT has the final approval authority for honorary degrees (albeit based on the recommendation of the Senate), and a BoT member can bring a unique and valuable perspective to the deliberation of this committee.

Recommendation: that the University Senate approve the proposed language to include a BoT member in the UJCHD composition.

II. Membership

A. Membership Composition

The University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees shall be appointed by the President in his role as the Chair of the University Senate and shall consist of eight (8) voting members, and two three (23) non-voting members.

B. Appointment of Voting Members

- 1. Four (4) members shall be selected by the Senate Council from the University Faculty.
- 2. Two (2) members shall be selected by the President from the University Faculty.
- 3. The Provost, or the Provost's designee, shall serve as a voting member on the committee.
- 4. The Dean of the Graduate School shall serve as a voting member on the committee.

C. Appointment of Non-voting Members

- 1. The Senate Council Chair and the Vice President for Institutional Advancement shall serve as *ex officio* (non-voting) members of the committee.
- 2. An appointed member of the Board of Trustees designated by the Board Chair shall serve as the Board's Liaison (non-voting) to the Joint Committee.

D. Conditions for Appointment

- 1. The term of appointment for the six (6) members appointed from the University Faculty is three (3) years. The Provost, Dean of the Graduate School, Senate Council Chair and Vice President for Institutional Advancement are standing members of the committee. The term of appointment for the Board Liaison is one (1) year and may be renewed at the discretion of the Board Chair.
- 2. The Dean of the Graduate School shall serve as the committee chair.
- 3. The President and Senate Council Chair shall confer each year before finalizing the faculty membership on the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees to ensure that the proposed list of faculty appointees is broadly representative of the faculties of the University.