



September 18, 2014

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Professor Andrew Hippisley, Chair, University Senate Council  
FROM: Paula Leach Pope, Co-Chair, UK Sesquicentennial Celebration  
RE: Notation of University's Sesquicentennial on 2015 Diplomas

The University of Kentucky will celebrate a milestone anniversary in 2015 with an array of events and activities to commemorate this special year. Perhaps one of the most appropriate and lasting ways to recognize our sesquicentennial year is to denote it on the diplomas awarded to graduates in 2015. This would not be a major change in the diploma, but an amended way of noting the year in which the diploma is awarded.

We have conducted some research among major universities with regard to the way they commemorate a centennial, sesquicentennial or bicentennial on their diplomas, and I have two recommendations to offer that seem to be most consistent with the verbiage and style on our diploma:

1)

this ninth day of May

in the University's sesquicentennial year of two thousand and fifteen.

2)

this ninth day of May

in the University's sesquicentennial year of 2015.

I will be happy to discuss this proposal with you at any time. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.