

## 5.4.0 DEGREES, HONORS, GRADUATION

A Commencement Convocation shall be held annually in December and in May of each academic year.

### SR 5.4.2.3 B. Role of the Elected Faculty Senators in the University Senate

1. Within the framework of a University Senate meeting, and prior to consideration of any specific nominations, the elected Faculty Senators may exercise its option to decide that no nominees for honorary degrees will be recommended to the Board of Trustees that academic year.

2. If the elected Faculty Senators do not opt for the above outcome (SR 5.4.2.3.B.1), then the elected Faculty Senators shall consider the UJCHD recommendations concerning:

(a) the qualifications of the submitted nominees;

(b) the appropriateness of the recommended honorary degree title for each;

(c) the alternative occasion on which the degree is recommended to be conferred (if not at either the December or May Commencement); and

(d) any other recommendations of the committee for departure from the conditions of circumstance specified herein.

### SR 5.4.2.3 C. Circumstances for Award of Honorary Degrees

1. The number of honorary degrees awarded at any given ceremony during any academic year shall be limited to three five, with no more than four at any single Commencement.

2. The honoree must be present to receive the honorary degree.

3. The honorary degree shall be conferred at either the December or May regular university commencement ceremony, unless as otherwise approved by the elected Faculty Senators pursuant to SR 5.4.2.3.B.2.(c).

## 5.4.5 DIPLOMAS

Diplomas may be issued at the annuala December orf May Commencement Convocation. They may be issued by the University Registrar at other times when the degrees have been recommended by the University Senate and approved by the Board of Trustees.

### A. Diplomas Issued to Graduated Students [US: 2/13/06]

Pursuant to delegation from the Board of Trustees, the University Senate establishes final policy on the informational content to be included on diplomas (GR IV.C. 3). Diplomas attesting the award of degrees and honors may be issued at the annuala December or May Commencement Convocation. They may be issued by the University Registrar at other times when the degrees have been recommended by the University Faculty through the elected faculty senators in University Senate and approved by the Board of Trustees (KRS 164.240; GR IV.A).

Diplomas shall display the name of the University, the name of the degree being conferred, the authority under which the indicated degree is being conferred, and signatures representing that authority (i.e., the University Senate being represented by the signature of the President who is Chair of the University Senate, and the Board of Trustees being represented by the signature of the Chair of the Board).

Each college dean shall attest to the Registrar the names of graduates in their college who have met the conditions for the —degree honorsll prescribed above in SR 5.4.2.2.A-F. The Registrar shall ascertain the names of graduates who have met the conditions for Honors Program recognition (SR 5.4.2.2.G). The honors specified in SR 5.4.2.2.A-G shall be displayed on the diploma, along with the signatures of the attesting college dean and Registrar.

Upon the recommendation of the elected faculty Senators in the University Senate, the Board of Trustees may award, and prescribe conditions for, new categories of academic honors that are conferred only upon final Board action (pursuant to KRS 164.240 and GR IV.A).