

11.07.99.R1 Conferring of Honorary Degrees

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Rule Summary

The Texas A&M University System Policy 11.07, *Granting of Honorary Degrees*, provides guidelines for the granting of honorary degrees. The East Texas A&M University (University) rule on granting honorary degrees governs the University in matters not detailed in system policy.

It is necessary to have a method for recommending an individual for an honorary degree, for reviewing the individual's accomplishments, and for involving faculty, staff, and administrators in the decision-making process.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1 SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Nominations for recipients of honorary degrees will be made to the Provost by University faculty, staff, administration, current students, or alumni. Nominations must be accompanied by a letter of nomination, a current vita, and other appropriate supporting material.

2 APPROVAL OF RECIPIENTS AND NOTIFICATION

2.1 Nominations, along with supporting material, are forwarded to the Provost for review, then forwarded to the President for approval.

2.2 Recommendations approved by the President will be forwarded to the Chancellor in accordance with system deadlines for items requiring approval by the Board of Regents.

2.3 The notification of the person selected to receive an honorary degree will be made by the President. Attendant publicity will then be given upon the granting of the award.

3 AWARDING OF DEGREES

Degrees should be conferred at a regular commencement ceremony. No honorary degree should be conferred in absentia.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy [*11.07, Granting of Honorary Degrees*](#)

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