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To: Danaya Wright, Faculty Senate Chair

From: Committee on Committees
John Leavey, Chair

Re: Recommendation regarding Honorary Degrees Committee

The Committee on Committees recommends that the current Honorary Degrees, Distinguished Alumnus, and Memorials Committee be split in two, in order to reflect the differing duties with which this Committee has been charged. The COC recommends the following structures for the resulting two committees:

Honorary Degrees Committee

Senate Standing Committee

6 members elected in staggered terms of 3 years each

Will consult with President or his representative at the beginning of the fact-finding regarding nominees

Description stays as currently in the Constitution:

Members, selected from diverse fields, shall hold the rank of professor (or its equivalent) or above and shall have strong records of teaching and research. The Chair is elected by the Committee. The Committee shall formulate principles covering the conferring of honorary degrees by the University and shall initiate suggestions as to individuals to whom honorary degree shall be granted.

Charge: Establish standards and criteria to judge qualifications for awarding honorary degrees; evaluate the achievements of and qualification of all nominees and serve in a fact-finding and consultation role to the Faculty Senate and the President for honorary degree nominees.

Distinguished Alumnus, Namings, and Memorials Committee

Joint Committee

8 members: 3 members elected in staggered terms of 3 years each; 5 appointed (1 member of Board of Trustees, 2 alumni, and 2 administrators)

Charge: Establish criteria for the selection of those to be honored by the University with the designation of distinguished alumnus; evaluate the achievements of and qualifications of nominees and serve in a fact-finding and consultative role to the President; make recommendations to the President for the establishment of memorials and of namings on campus