

**Summary of Proposed Changes to the UO Policy on Honorary Degrees  
Proposed February 2017**

*NOTE: Changes to provide consistency in style (i.e., capitalization, reference), grammatical changes, or other obvious edits are not articulated in the below crosswalk.*

| Section      | Change / Description   |
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| Throughout   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Section numbers added</li> <li>--Language changed to be consistent that HDs are “awarded” and not offered, given or granted</li> </ul>  |
| Section I    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Clarification that BOT has final approval (per delegation of authority)</li> <li>--Clarification that HDs are honorary <i>doctorates</i></li> <li>--Clarification that the criteria are meant to be read as an “or” not an “and”</li> </ul>   |
| Section I.B  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--“Distinguished service” changed to “contributions to society” for a more encompassing approach that recognizes contributions and merit for an honorary degree may come in a form other than direct “service”</li> </ul>   |
| Section II   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--References to OUS removed</li> <li>--Sitting members of the Board of Trustees added to the list of parties excluded from recognition through an HD</li> </ul>   |
| Section III  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--New section to provide language that HDs do not come with payment (but payment may still be awarded for speaking engagements, etc.)</li> </ul>  |
| Section IV   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Committee structure slightly changed; Honorary Degree put first in committee name as it is considered the more prestigious/important of the two.</li> <li>--Membership of the committee slightly altered:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Clarification that the President or his designee is the chair</li> <li>--Clarification that the President appoints the faculty members in consultation with Senate leadership</li> <li>--Removal of the UOAA director</li> <li>--Clarification that VP for Advancement may use a designee</li> <li>--Removal of the Student Senate president (keeping ASUO president)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Section IV.A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Clarifies that while the committee may be involved in other awards (in a consultative fashion) the procedures and criteria in the policy only apply to HDs</li> </ul>   |
| Section V    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Removes specificity of “October” timeline</li> <li>--Removed specific language around “community of the State of Oregon” for nominees as someone living outside of the state may be very tied to the UO and interested in making a recommendation</li> <li>--Added language about “proactive” solicitations to emphasize the President’s intent that the committee actively, not passively, solicit nominations</li> </ul>  |
| Section V.A  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Non-substantive language changes for clarity and grammar</li> </ul>   |

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|                   | --Addition of “as necessary” to clarify that the committee is not required to seek more information if they do not feel it’s necessary   |
| Section V.B       | --Non-substantive language changes for clarity and grammar   |
| Section V.C       | --Inclusion of University Senate in the confidential nature of this work. This was implied through the use of executive session in Section IV.D, but this further emphasizes the importance of the confidentiality for individual members  |
| Section V.E       | --Threshold of passage in the University Senate changed from a vote of two-thirds to a majority<br>--Clarification that the vote is of members present   |
| Section V.F       | --References to the president not receiving information about those who do not get enough votes was removed; the president is already in the loop on all individuals considered by the Senate by virtue of his/her role as chair of the HDC. Further, information about failed votes may prove informative to the president or the HDC in further deliberations. |
| Section V.G       | --Establishes a sunset on how long a nominee may sit in the “pool” to ensure routine review; includes language that if a nominee sunsets, they may be placed back in the pool pursuant to the standard processes.  |
| Section V.H       | --Clarification that president selects from the pool (“candidates” didn’t seem like the right word)<br>--Removes references to SBHE/OUS and their detailed procedures on timing  |
| Related Resources | --Once established, a link to the HDC page will be included in the related resource section. Will also include links to any other awards or recognitions this committee is used to consult about or vet (e.g., distinguished service awards)   |