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Dr. Lisa Walker
Faculty President
UNC Charlotte

Dear Lisa,

In accordance with the faculty policy concerning award of posthumous degrees, I am forwarding a request from The Williams States Lee College of Engineering to award an undergraduate degree at the December 2016 Commencement:

Jose Fabian Solano Garita, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

The department justification is attached. Mr. Garita did not meet the credit hour standard for award of a posthumous degree, but the department faculty agree that service to the country should be considered in lieu of coursework. I ask that this request be considered for faculty approval at the next Faculty Executive Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Joan F. Lorden
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs





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DATE: September 26, 2016
TO: Joan Lorden, Provost
FROM: Ronald E. Smelser, Senior Associate Dean *RESm*
RE: Posthumous Degree for Jose Fabian Solano Garita
CC: Robert E. Johnson, Dean
K. Scott Smith, Chair, Mechanical Engineering and Engineering
Science

The Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science faculty unanimously voted at a called Faculty meeting on September 15, 2016 to award Jose Fabian Solano Garita a posthumous degree, BS in Mechanical Engineering. Jose was a veteran and transfer student with 55 credit hours toward his degree. Their expressed sentiment was that the student had served the country and was attempting to serve the broader society by achieving his degree in engineering. His service should be recognized.

The awarding of an Alumnus in Spirit certificate was not deemed to be appropriate since Jose was a member of the department, the college, and the university community. The department faculty, who control the curriculum and award the degree, feel that this student should be granted this degree consistent with the shared governance of the university. It is their expressed desire to honor a veteran and a member of The William States Lee College of Engineering family by awarding a posthumous degree to Jose.