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March 18, 2015

Dr. Gregory Starrett
Faculty President
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Dear Gregg:

In accordance with the faculty policy concerning award of posthumous degrees, I am forwarding a request from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences to award an undergraduate degree at the May 2015 commencement:

Donald McDowell, Bachelor of Arts degree, major in Religious Studies, minor in Psychology

The justification for the awarding of the degree is attached. I endorse this request and ask that it be considered for faculty approval at the next Faculty Executive Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Joan F. Lorden
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Attachments

cc: Nancy Gutierrez, Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Joanne Robinson, Chair, Department of Religious Studies
Arnie Cann, Interim Chair, Department of Psychology
Chris Knauer, Registrar





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College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Office of the Dean

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joan F. Lorden, Provost

FROM: Nancy A. Gutierrez *Nancy A. Gutierrez*
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

DATE: March 12, 2015

SUBJECT: Posthumous Degree Recommendations

I am writing to recommend the posthumous award of degrees to the following students from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

- Robert Wylie, B.S. Physics, minor in Mathematics (also recommended for BSME in College of Engineering)
- Cameron Abatiell, B.A. Philosophy, minor in International Studies
- Donald McDowell, B.A. Religious Studies, minor in Psychology

All three students were duly enrolled in the University at the time of their death and had completed more than 90 hours toward their respective degrees. The requests were supported by the chairs of their respective Departments. Their nominating letters are attached. My recommendations have also been endorsed by a unanimous vote of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Council.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nancy Gutierrez, Dean
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
FROM: Joanne Robinson
Chair, Department of Religious Studies
DATE: February 24, 2015
RE: Posthumous Degree Request for Donald Ray McDowell

The faculty of the Department of Religious Studies unanimously recommends Donald Ray McDowell (800724450), who died on December 10, 2014, for a posthumous B.A. degree. It is my understanding that Ray was also working on a minor in Psychology.

Ray had completed 118 hours as of Spring 2013 with a cumulative GPA of 2.139. As such he meets the minimum university requirements for reception of a posthumous degree. He was an older student who struggled with disabilities but continually inspired his teachers with his eagerness to learn.

We trust that the Dean's office as well as representatives of the Faculty Council will concur with this request as a way of honoring Ray and his academic achievements.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Robinson

CC: Charles Brody, Arnie Cann, Dan White



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February 24, 2015

Dr. Nancy Gutierrez
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
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Dean Gutierrez,

On behalf of the faculty in the Department of Psychology, I would like to recommend that Donald McDowell (800724450) be awarded a minor in Psychology. Mr. McDowell was a senior working on the completion of his minor when he died, so we believe he should be awarded the minor posthumously.

Sincerely,

Arnie Cann
Interim Chair