

RESOLUTION TO CREATE A PROCESS FOR POSTHUMOUS DEGREES AWARD POLICY

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize students who have made significant advancement towards their degree at Virginia Tech, but die before completing all degree requirements; and

WHEREAS, current practices in various Virginia Tech units with regard to posthumous recognition have not been codified as university policy, and in that way made congruent with one another; and

WHEREAS, in addition to awarding posthumous degrees to those students who have made significant advances towards completing degree requirements, there is also a desire to create a form of non-academic recognition for those students who die before they are able to complete most degree requirements; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University establish and adopt a set of coherent and congruent policies and criteria for awarding posthumous degrees across all colleges and degree levels, and that furthermore criteria be created for in-memoriam citations, for those students who pass away before being able to meet posthumous degree criteria.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Visitors approve the policies and criteria for posthumous degrees and in-memoriam citations as enumerated below.