

## **Trustees' Regulation on Honorary Degrees**

Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, November 18, 1972, as amended July 26, 1980, October 26, 1990, and March 21, 1997.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, in the exercise of its authority to approve "the names of all individuals on whom it is proposed that an honorary degree or other honorary or memorial distinction be conferred by the institution," will consider only such names as are proposed in accordance with the following specifications of procedure and policy:

1. Honorary degrees to be awarded by The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall be Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.), Doctor of Science (D.Sci.), and Doctor of Divinity (D.D.). Only in exceptional circumstances shall a more specialized honorary degree be conferred.
2. Honorary degrees and other honorary or memorial distinctions shall be conferred only on those deemed deserving of such awards by reason of eminent achievement in scholarship or in public affairs or in service to the University or the State or the nation through activities recognized as significant in the educational world.
3. Initiation of nominations for honorary degrees or other honorary or memorial distinctions shall be the prerogative of the faculty, which is authorized to establish its own procedures for such initiation.
4. Only in exceptional circumstances, such as the celebration of an anniversary, shall honorary degrees be conferred on more than six persons in any one year and Distinguished Alumnus or Alumna Awards on more than five in any one year.
5. In the event that an honorary degree or other honorary or memorial distinction is offered to a person who for any reason does not appear at the Commencement or other stated occasion at which the awarded is to be conferred, that award shall lapse; and any later consideration of that person for an honorary or memorial distinction shall be initiated *de novo*.
6. No person shall be eligible to be awarded an honorary degree by the University at Chapel Hill while that person is serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as a member of the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, or as a member of the faculty, staff, or administration of The University of North Carolina or of any one of its constituent institutions; and no such person shall be eligible for such an award earlier than at the second Commencement after the termination of any such relationship with The University of North Carolina and/or any one of its constituent institutions.