

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Resolution Regarding Honorary Degrees Work Group

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees established the Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees on December 4, 1976, and revised the makeup of the Committee on October 14, 2000; and

WHEREAS, in light of the Board's reorganization of its Committees, the Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees has been retired as a freestanding committee; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Educational Policy and Institutional Resources has responsibility for recommending Honorary Degree award recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Board, and its Committee on Educational Policy and Institutional Resources, conclude that the makeup, role, and function of the former Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees are important to retain within the new Committee structure;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Committee on Educational Policy and Institutional Resources ("the Committee") shall establish an Honorary Degrees work group, to which the following appointments shall be made by the Board Chair following appropriate consultation with the Committee Chair:

- A member of the Committee, who will serve as the work group leader
- Additional Trustees; one of whom will be a student trustee
- The University President, *ex officio*
- The President of the Faculty Senate, *ex officio*
- The President of the Student Government Association, *ex officio*
- The President of the Graduate Student Senate, *ex officio*
- The President of the Staff Council, *ex officio*
- The President of the Senior Class Council, *ex officio*
- Two additional members of the faculty, to be designated by the Faculty Senate President
- An Alumni Relations representative, to be designated by the Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations
- One administrative officer or staff employee, to be designated by the University President; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Honorary Degrees work group annually shall develop recommendations to the Board regarding candidates for Honorary Degrees, including a recommendation for a proposed Commencement speaker; and the work group

leader shall convey those recommendations to the full Board of Trustees no later than November of each year; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that Honorary Degree candidates shall be reviewed under the selection criteria recommended by the Honorary Degrees work group, as attached hereto, and the work group shall periodically review the criteria and recommend to the Board any changes the work group may deem necessary or desirable; and

BE IF FINALLY RESOLVED, that the work group be directed to develop procedures that ensure a transparent and collaborative process for expansive solicitation of honorary degree candidates and commencement speaker nominations, in consultation with the President.

As approved by the Board of Trustees: November 11, 2006

Approved as amended by the Executive Committee: April 30, 2007

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