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SUBJECT: AWARDING HONORARY DOCTORATES

Brewton-Parker College may award an honorary doctorate to individuals who have distinguished themselves in one of the following areas:

1. Sustained scholarly activity in the arts, letters, sciences, technology or theology.
2. Outstanding service to humanity.
3. Noteworthy contribution or service to the denomination.
4. Noteworthy contribution or service to Brewton-Parker College.

Honorary doctorates awarded by the College recognize the individual and not the position or office. Honorary doctorates are not awarded in absentia or posthumously. Neither are they awarded to current employees of the College, or to current members of the Board of Trustees.

SELECTION AND APPROVAL – The Committee on Honorary Degrees shall consist of two faculty members named by the Chairperson of the Faculty Assembly, two members of the President’s Cabinet named by the President, and one member of the Board of Trustees named by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. The President shall appoint the Chair of the Committee.

Nominations of individuals to be considered as recipients of an honorary doctorate should be made to the President or the Chair of the Board of Trustees and forwarded to the President. Nominations for a spring award must be received by December 1 of the previous year. Any exceptions to this deadline must be approved by a majority of the Committee on Honorary Degrees. Nominations should include:

1. A letter of nomination.
2. A letter of support from the appropriate academic unit, if the award is based upon scholarly activity.
3. The nominee’s vitae or résumé.
4. Five supporting letters.

The Committee on Honorary Degrees shall review nominees and supporting documents. Nominees approved by the Committee on Honorary Degrees shall be recommended to the Administrative Council. Recommendations from this body shall be forwarded to the President for submission to the Board of Trustees at the January Board meeting. Degrees will be conferred only when a nominee receives a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Board of Trustees.

Honorary doctorates shall be awarded only to those nominees recommended by the Committee on Honorary Degrees and approved by the Board of Trustees. Information and recommendations related to nominees for honorary degrees shall be kept confidential.

Contact for Interpretation: President

This policy statement supersedes all previous policy statements on this subject.