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4.12 POSTHUMOUS DEGREES

ENABLING LEGISLATION + LINKED POLICIES

University Act

Senate of a special purpose, teaching university

Section 35.2 (5) The senate of a special purpose, teaching university has the power and duty to do all of the following: (b) set criteria for awarding certificates, diplomas and degrees, including honorary degrees

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to establish parameters for the University to recognize and acknowledge the academic achievements of students who were working towards their degree at the time of their death by awarding of a posthumous degree or commemorative notation.

SCOPE

This policy applies to Emily Carr University of Art + Design (University) undergraduate and graduate students.

DEFINITIONS

Posthumous degree refers to **degree conferred by the University to a deceased student**.

POLICY

The University Senate will approve the award of a posthumous degree upon the recommendation of the Dean and the Registrar. The following conditions in determining eligibility and procedures will be followed:

1. The candidate will have normally completed 75% or more of their degree program, is in good academic standing of a high enough standard that eventual graduation was expected, was enrolled within the last 12 months, and has met at least 30 credits of the residency requirement.
2. The notation "Posthumous" will appear on the transcript and in the graduation program but not on the degree certificate.

3. The Registrar will contact the family to determine how the degree will be presented.
4. If the degree is to be presented at the graduation ceremony, a family member or designate can receive it and the Registrar will inform that person of the procedures for receiving the certificate at the ceremony.
5. If the degree is not presented at the graduation ceremony the Registrar will make appropriate arrangements with the family or designate.
6. In cases where the above conditions have not been met, the Senate may recognize an 'in commemoration granted' notation on the student's record and award a certificate to the family.