

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Conferral of Honorary Doctorate Degrees

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Candidates for honorary doctorate degrees are recommended to the South Dakota Board of Regents (BOR) through a series of recommendations and approvals by the Commencement Committee, Faculty Senate, and the university president. The eligibility of candidates and the types of honorary doctorate degrees are set forth in [BOR Policy 2:18](#).

1. The university may wish to present an honorary doctorate degree to worthy individuals. In this case, a nomination packet consisting, at a minimum, of a Letter of Nomination (one page) from the originating nominator explaining the justification for candidate's nomination, and curriculum vitae shall be gathered by the office of the university president or designee. This packet shall be submitted to the Faculty Senate for approval. After consideration by the Faculty Senate, the nomination packet, with a letter from the Chair of the Faculty Senate indicating approval or disapproval, shall be forwarded to the office of the university president. If approved, the president may recommend an honorary degree, and submit the nomination to the Board of Regents for final approval.

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BOR Policy/Committee References: Policy 2:18