

Senate Minutes May 27

Present

K.Watson

D.Mielke

D.Timmermann

J.Johnson

A.Evans

J.Tooke

V.Kelley

R.Powers

T.Atkinson

G.Ramey

L.Espinosa

Called order 3:20

Discussion: Award of Honorary degrees to Michael Farrow and Frances Kumazawa Ota

See criteria from the Senate President :

Criteria we may want to consider in making a choice:

1. A purpose of the honorary degree is to recognize and honor exceptional men and women who have given a substantial part of their lives to serving others and who have distinguished themselves through their professional careers and/or volunteer service;
 - a. Eminent contribution to the college or university, the system, the community, the State of Oregon, or society;
 - b. Eminent achievement in a particular field of endeavor;
2. Another is to establish a public association between EOU and such exceptional men and women, thereby providing testimony to the values and quality of the university;
 - a. Personal status that will enhance the reputation of the university and serve as an example to its students and its alumni;
3. Assist the university with the goals and objectives of its educational programming, service missions, and institutional advancement objectives.
 - a. Potential for contribution to the goals or welfare of the university; from Dan email include in minutes. Significant work is the key in some area geographic or professional. What is the benefit to the institution of granting this degree?

There needs to be an intimate or substantial relationship with the institution. What is the relationship to academics? There needs to be an academic connection.

We should not be pressured into acting. There should be no hurry in deciding. The information is limited for Frances. She was not eligible at U of O as was her sister, who was interned during WW II.

Issue is, how are these individuals connected to EOU. When someone leaves and then wants a degree later for something less than a completed degree.

The person should also be linked to our institutional goals.

Mike Farrow served on important state and national committees as a member of CTUIR.

Japanese - Americans could choose either internment or military service.

The Senate has 2 options:

1. Could allow a one time exception for the Administration to award these degrees.
2. We may not see the necessary elements for an Honorary Degree in these two cases Postpone a decision until the Senate drafts a policy. The Senate reviews the applicants again after a policy is in place.

Difficult for president to say no to future requests without a policy in place. This an attempt by the administration to used the shared governance process.

This is an attempt by administration to be positive to specific parts of our region.

Motion not to award degrees at this time seconded and passed

7 for 2 against and 2 abstentions

The Senate feels the board would like a policy in place first.

The submission date for candidates for degrees should be 3 months in advance of the ceremony.

The University can confer a degree at any time i.e. Oct. or Feb.

Committee created to draft an Honors Degree Policy – Leandro E., Allen E. and Ken W.

Adjourned 3:50

Next meeting Tuesday June 3, 2008 in Huber Auditorium at 3:15