

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the General Counsel

POLICY SUMMARY FORM

Policy Name: Honorary Degree

Policy Number: 5.12

Is this policy new, being reviewed/revised, or deleted? Review/Revise

Date of last revision, if applicable: 1/27/2015

Unit(s) Responsible for Policy Implementation: President

Purpose of Policy (what does it do): Describes authority and process for granting honorary degrees.

Reason for the addition, revision, or deletion (check all that apply):

☐ Scheduled Review ☐ Change in law ☐ Response to audit finding

☐ Internal Review ☐ Other, please explain:

Please complete the appropriate section:

Specific rationale for new policy:

Specific rationale for each substantive revision: Reviewed with no changes recommended.

Specific rationale for deletion of policy:

Additional Comments:

Reviewers:

Baker Pattillo, President
Damon Derrick, General Counsel

Honorary Degree

Original Implementation: October 18, 1988

Last Revision: ~~January 27, 2015~~ January 30, 2018

Stephen F. Austin State University may, on occasion, grant honorary degrees to individuals who have over an extended period rendered exceptional contributions to the university or the public interest through public service, philanthropic activity, intellectual or artistic performance, or leadership roles. Honorary degrees may not be awarded to individuals officially associated with the university at the time of the award or to individuals holding elective office unless they have achieved distinction in another field of endeavor.

Nominations for honorary degrees may be submitted to the president by faculty, staff, administration, or members of the Board of Regents of the university. Nominations will be evaluated by an advisory committee appointed by the president with representation from the faculty, staff, student body and administration. The committee will make recommendations to the president who, in turn, will consult with the chair of the Board of Regents. An honorary degree will be granted at a time appropriate to the circumstances.

Cross Reference: None

Responsible for Implementation: President

Contact for Revision: President

Forms: None

Board Committee Assignment: Academic and Student Affairs