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Graduate Council Resolution:

Resolution to Recommend Approval of the Revised SIUC Policy for Awarding Posthumous Degrees

WHEREAS the SIUC Awarding Posthumous Degrees policy (https://policies.siu.edu/other-policies/chapter1/posthumous-degrees.php) has not been updated since 1974; and

WHEREAS the current SIUC Awarding Posthumous Degrees policy lacks benchmark criteria for issuing posthumous degrees; and

WHEREAS the lack of benchmarks for degree conferrals has led to confusion and inconsistencies in posthumous degree evaluation; and

WHEREAS grieving friends and families of the deceased student may not feel comfortable receiving a posthumous degree at a commencement ceremony; and

WHEREAS the current SIUC Awarding Posthumous Degrees policy committee was charged by the administration to update the current SIUC Awarding Posthumous Degrees policy to include benchmark criteria for nomination and approval of posthumous degrees, and procedures for issuing the degree outside of commencement; and

WHEREAS the revised policy is similar to posthumous policies from a diversity of US Universities and Colleges;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Graduate Council recommend approval of the revised SIUC Policy for awarding posthumous degrees.

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Date of Resolution Approval

Fall 2024
Semester

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