

ANNUAL REPORT
HONORARY DEGREE COMMITTEE

May 23, 2024

The Honorary Degree Committee met twice during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Committee Meeting Dates:

October 17, 2023

March 19, 2024

Our membership was:

Brandon Gustafson (SBA)

Elizabeth Delorme-Axford (CAS)

Rebecca Boni (SON)

Jessica Payette (CAS)

Cuolan Yang (CAS)

Robert Del Greco (CAS) Winter 2024 sabbatical replacement

Xie Zhu (SBA) Fall 2023 -Winter 2024 sabbatical

Amy BB (Chair)

Phillip Patterson (Student Rep)

In response to our call for Fall candidates we received six nominations. Telva McGruder and Austin Channing Brown were moved forward. These candidates are currently awaiting approval by the President and BOT. The candidates put on hold for consideration were Luis Valdez and Amalia Mesa Bains. There were concerns raised about the number of candidates due to budget constraints. These candidates can be moved forward at a future date. These candidates are anticipated to receive their degrees at the December 2024 ceremonies.

In response to the Spring call for nominations we received four nominations. We reviewed them, per our guidelines, and moved forward five candidates. Glenn Ellis, and Walter and Donna Young received their degrees in the December 2023 ceremonies. Eric Hemenway and Nora Chapa Mendoza received their degrees at the April 2024 ceremonies. Kym Worthy is anticipated to receive her degree at the December 2024 ceremonies.

We also updated the review criteria at the President's request. The new criteria consider the following areas:

Accomplishment in relevant area

Established record of achievement

Unique, interesting, creative and distinct achievement

OU relationship building

Increase OU's Visibility

Resource Generation

Value alignment with OU

These areas are all defined in the Matrix review spreadsheet that the committee uses when reviewing the candidates.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

[Amy Banes-Berceli](#)

Associate Provost

and Chair, Honorary Degree Committee