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GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREES

1. Preference in the awarding of honorary degrees should be given to those persons who have made academic, cultural, scientific or spiritual contributions to mankind.
2. Awards should be given sparingly and should be as appropriate to the recipients' accomplishments as possible.
3. Nominations may be submitted by any individual or group, providing that such a statement of rationale and a vita of the nominee be presented. Such nominations shall be held in confidence.
4. An ad hoc Honorary Degree Committee shall receive and review all nominations submitted and tender its recommendations for consideration through the Vice President for Academic Affairs to the President of the University. The ad hoc Honorary Degree Committee shall be appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs after receipt of nominations to the Committee from the Faculty Senate Chairman, Deans, Department Chairmen, and others appropriate to the question.
5. Nominations for honorary degrees shall normally be submitted at least three months prior to the commencement in question so that the ad hoc Honorary Degree Committee may make its recommendations two months before commencement.
6. It is recognized that the final decision to award an honorary degree resides with the Florida Board of Regents upon the recommendation of the President of the University and the Chancellor of the State University System.
7. The President of the University in conferring the honorary degree shall describe the major contributions of the recipient.
8. Certain general conditions should be recognized in awarding honorary degrees, as follows:
 - a. That the honorary degree is not an academic degree and award designation should not duplicate earned degree designations.
 - b. Normally, persons employed in the University or presently in public office at the local or state level shall not be honored.
 - c. If deemed appropriate, the recipient of an honorary degree may be invited to speak on his field of contribution or to deliver the major address at commencement.

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