

Dean Mariotto:

The policy document approved by the Undergraduate Council is attached.
For whatever reason it is not currently published in the Undergrad Catalog.

Here also are our internal procedures that we communicate if we get a call from anyone on the matter.

POSTHUMOUS AWARDING of DEGREE

To award a degree to a student after their death...

Student must have been in their last semester at the University.

College Dean should receive permission from family to award the degree.

A copy of the death certificate is necessary.

The above and memo from the College Dean making the official request is sent to the Graduation Office in RAR.

Notify Exec AVPAA that action is occurring

14.18 Posthumous Graduate Degrees. Any request for a posthumous degree must be initiated by the chair of the student's advisory committee and may be awarded on the recommendation of the student's academic department, on the approval of the student's college, by the Faculty Senate and by the president of the university. For all degrees, the student's advisory committee must certify that it believes that all requirements for the degree would have been completed by the anticipated graduation date under normal circumstances.

14.18.1 For degrees requiring a research product (dissertation, record of study, thesis or research paper) the research proposal, at the time of the student's death, must have been signed by each committee member and a significant portion of the dissertation, record of study, thesis or research paper must have been reviewed by the committee and found to be acceptable. Ph.D. students must have been admitted to candidacy.

14.18.2 For degrees not requiring a research product, the student must have been, at the time of death, enrolled in courses that would have completed the degree requirements. Exceptional cases will be referred to the **Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate** for review and recommendation to the president.