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Awarded Posthumously**

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The Senate approved the following process for the presentation of degrees awarded posthumously:

1. Decanal approval of a degree to be awarded posthumously will be communicated to the University Registrar.
2. The University Registrar will contact the family of the deceased student to discuss possible arrangements for the awarding of a degree.
3. The awarding of the posthumous degree will be communicated via a notation on the list of graduands normally distributed to Senate.
4. The deceased student's name will be included in the appropriate Convocation program with an added notation that the degree has been awarded posthumously.
5. The name of the deceased student will not be read during the Convocation ceremony.
6. In a private ceremony to be held immediately after the Convocation ceremony, the Chancellor, the President and the Dean of the Faculty will present the family with the deceased student's diploma.