

For the meeting of the Faculty on Sept. 6, 2005

FAPC Motion on Honorary Degrees

The Faculty and Academic Personnel Committee (FAPC) is proposing the changes to the Faculty Handbook described in Section 1 of our report below.

Section 1. The Faculty and Academic Personnel Committee moves that the faculty adopt the following changes to the Faculty Handbook section relating to Honorary Degrees.

New text is underlined, and deleted text is in ~~strike through~~.

3. FACULTY COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES

The Committee operates under the general principle that honorary degrees are awarded in order to recognize individuals whose work exemplifies the qualities of intellect, character, and creativity most cherished by the University. The Committee gives special consideration to those individuals whose distinguished contributions have not yet been widely or formally recognized outside their own fields and to individuals who are part of the Bucknell community.

The Committee will receive nominations for honorary degrees from all members of the Bucknell community: faculty, administration, students, and trustees. These nominations will be evaluated by the Committee in consultation with the Trustee Sub-committee on Honorary Degrees. The list of candidates agreed on by both the Committee and the Trustee Sub-committee will be submitted to the President for review. ~~The President's recommendations from this list will be submitted to~~ the Committee on Educational Policy of the Board of Trustees for its approval and recommendation to the Board. Honorary degrees, although traditionally awarded during Commencement exercises, may be presented at any time during the academic year.

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Membership:

The Provost (or Provost's designate)

Six faculty members (one elected from each of the standard groups, see II.F.6, and two elected at-large)

Two members will be elected in April of each year.

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The chairperson of the Committee shall be elected from its elected membership.