POSTHUMOUS DEGREE, DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE GUIDELINES

Note: The Office of the Registrar is responsible for communication with the family and should be the university’s sole contact in this regard. The family would not be contacted regarding the posthumous credential until after Senate has reviewed the request to grant the credential.

1.00 The Senate will grant a posthumous degree, diploma and/or certificate for a student who has died after completing all requirements but before the degree, diploma and/or certificate has been conferred.

2.00 The Senate may grant a posthumous degree, diploma and/or certificate for a student who has died before completing all degree requirements if:
   
   a) the faculty and the department/program/school recommend the granting of the credential; and

   b) the family of the student is in favour of the granting of the credential.

2.01 The Senate will normally grant a posthumous undergraduate credential only if:

   a) the student has completed two-thirds of the credential requirements and was in good academic standing; and

   b) the student was engaged in studies in the last 12-months and has met the residency requirements of the program.

2.02 The Senate will normally grant a posthumous graduate credential only if the student has made substantial or otherwise acceptable progress towards completion of graduate studies and was in good academic standing.

3.00 If the student has not completed sufficient requirements to allow them to earn a posthumous credential, but the faculty or the family would appreciate an acknowledgement of academic achievement, a letter will be provided by the faculty.