2507 – Honorary Degree

The College is proud to recognize persons who have made outstanding achievements and contributions to the institution, to the State of Kansas, to an academic discipline, and/or to society by the awarding of an honorary degree. Such degrees recognize outstanding service to the college, the community, and/or professional accomplishments.

Because an honorary degree is an academic award that reflects the ideals and values of the College, recipients shall exemplify the concepts of excellence, service, and integrity.

The Honorary Degree Committee shall consist of seven persons holding the following offices (or their designees): Executive Director of Institutional Advancement; Vice President of Instruction and Student Services; Chairperson, Barton Foundation; President, Student Senate; Member, BCCCOP; Member, President's Staff, and Member, Staff.

The Committee will determine its own meeting schedule and agenda, and the method by which it will receive information. Nominations must be accompanied by a clear statement of the degree to be awarded and the reason thereof. All nominations and the deliberation process will be conducted with confidentiality.

The Committee shall recommend candidate(s) and appropriate degree(s) to the President.

HONORARY DEGREES

Honorary degrees shall not be awarded in absentia, although they may be awarded posthumously. The College shall grant the following honorary degree(s):

2 Associate of Arts/Science
3 Associate of Applied Science

LIMITATIONS:

Normally, no more than two honorary degrees may be awarded in any calendar year at commencement, convocation, or other appropriate college function. The college may choose not to award an honorary degree in a calendar year.

The College shall not grant an honorary degree to current members of the faculty, staff, College administration, Board of Trustees, administration of the Kansas Board of Regents, or members of the legislature/senate.

Further, if no authorized and substantiated response by the person to be honored with a confirmed date of acceptance scheduled is secured by College personnel making a good faith effort to secure same within one year of the official action, the conferral of the honorary degree becomes null and void.

(Based on policy 1506; revised and approved by President on 11/16/07)