AWARD OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREES

1. GENERAL

1.1. Texas A&M International University may award a graduate or undergraduate degree posthumously when a student has substantially completed all requirements for the degree and was in good academic standing at the time of death.

1.2. For a posthumous degree to be awarded, the student must be enrolled at Texas A&M International University in the semester in which the degree would have been conferred. The student must meet the minimum grade point average requirements specified for the particular degree at the time the degree would have been conferred. The degree will be awarded only upon the recommendation of the student's major department. The Dean of the College where the student was pursuing the degree at the time of his/her death will ensure that the applicable procedures are followed. The President shall approve any exceptions to this rule or deviations from the below procedures.

2. PROCEDURES

2.1. The division/department head of the deceased student's major shall present the academic record and recommendation for awarding the posthumous degree to the Dean of the College. The student must have been enrolled in courses that would have fulfilled the degree requirements at the time of the student's death.

2.2. If the Dean concurs with the recommendation that a degree should be awarded posthumously, the Dean shall forward the recommendation in writing, along with supporting documentation which shall include an academic audit and documentation regarding the student's demise, to the Registrar and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee.

2.3. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs shall review the recommendations and forward his/her recommendation to the President.
2.4 The President shall make the final decision for the award of a posthumous degree and forward his/her recommendation to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs shall notify the Registrar of the President's decision with a copy to the Dean of the originating college.

2.5 Degrees awarded posthumously may be noted on the commencement program and upon approval by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, a member of the student's family may be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremony. A notation that the degree was awarded posthumously shall be made on the student's transcript.

OFFICE OF RESPONSIBILITY:
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs