March 1, 2010

Dr. Alan Freitag
Faculty President

Dear Alan:

In accordance with the faculty policy concerning awarding degrees posthumously, I have requests to award two undergraduate degrees at the May Commencement.

Mr. Brandon Edwards, Bachelor of Arts degree

Mr. Dustin Mapes, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree

As outlined in the Faculty Council approved procedures, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences approved granting a posthumous degree to Mr. Brandon Edwards, and the Belk College of Business approved the granting a posthumous degree to Mr. Dustin Mapes. Therefore, I forward these recommendations with my concurrence.

Sincerely,

Joan F. Lorden
Provost and Vice Chancellor

Attachments

cc: Dean Nancy Gutierrez
    Dean Joseph Mazzola
    Mr. Christopher Knauer, Registrar
MEMORANDUM

TO: Joan Lorden
    Provost and Vice Chancellor

FROM: Nancy A. Gutierrez
      Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

DATE: February 16, 2010

SUBJECT: Recommendation to award a posthumous degree in Political Science to Brandon Edwards

Upon recommendation of the Department of Political Science and the endorsement of the CLAS Faculty Council, I recommend Brandon Edwards be granted a Bachelor of Arts degree posthumously at the May graduation. Mr. Edwards successfully completed 108 hours as of the end of the spring 2009 semester, in which he was registered as a fulltime student. At the time of his death, he was taking a full load of twelve hours. He had an overall GPA of 2.1. The CLAS faculty in the vote of the Faculty Council certifies his qualifications for the degree, and I concur.

Please let me know if you require further information. Thank you.
February 10, 2010

MEMORANDUM

To: Nancy A. Gutierrez, Dean
    and Members of the Faculty Council,
    College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Fr: Robert S. Kravchuk
    Professor and Chair
    Department of Political Science

Re: Posthumous Degree Request

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to make a formal request that the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the CLAS Faculty Council endorse our petition that the university grant Army ROTC Cadet and political science student Mr. Brandon Edwards a posthumous Bachelor of Arts degree. Mr. Edwards, a Political Science major, died tragically on January 23, 2010.

Mr. Edwards had successfully completed 108 hours at UNC-Charlotte as of the end of the spring 2009 semester, in which he was registered as a fulltime student. At the time of his death, he was registered for a full load, 12 hours. Further, his GPA for his final semester at UNC Charlotte was 2.70 with an overall GPA of 2.1, so that his record meets both departmental and university minima for the award of a degree. Further, Cadet Edwards had completed his ROTC coursework, and would have been commissioned this May a second lieutenant in the United States Army.

The Department of Political Science finds that Mr. Edwards is fully deserving of the award of a posthumous baccalaureate degree, according to established university policy.

We urge the CLAS Faculty Council to move expeditiously in certifying his qualification for the degree. We hope that this action will please the family that Mr. Edwards leaves behind.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Kravchuk

Cc: Mary Pat Young, Academic Affairs
Memorandum

To: Joan F. Lorden
    Provost

From: Joseph B. Mazzola
    Dean

Date: March 1, 2010

Re: Request to Posthumously Award Degree to Dustin Vincent Mapes

This is to request that Dustin Vincent Mapes (ID # 800387698), a major in Finance who recently passed away, be posthumously awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

According to UNC Charlotte policy for granting a posthumous degree, "Any student who at the time of his death was duly enrolled and had completed 90 semester hours towards a degree at UNCC shall, upon recommendation of the faculty of his college, be awarded his degree posthumously." Mr. Mapes was majoring in Finance at the time of his death, was duly enrolled and had completed 105 hours towards his degree. He had earned a 2.5 GPA.

The faculty of the Belk College of Business met on Friday, February 26, 2010, and voted unanimously to posthumously award the degree to Dustin Vincent Mapes. The criteria for awarding the degree have been met.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

JBM:jh