

Honorary Degrees in the UNC System

Summary:

- Of the Schools that have an honorary degree policy, 11 do not have BoT members on the screening committee, but the respective BoT has final approval. Three of the campuses have trustees serving on the committee.

SCHOOL	PROCEDURE	SCREENING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP	TRUSTEE(S) ON SCREENING COMMITTEE?
Campuses That Do NOT Include Trustees on Screening Committee			
Appalachian State	Provost-Chaired Honorary Degree Advisory Committee reviews nominations & makes recommendations to the Chancellor. BoT AAC reviews nominations with Chancellor & Provost and makes recommendations to BoT. BoT has final authority.	Dean of college/schools, Vice Provost for Research, Faculty member at large, Staff member at large, student member at large, president of Alumni Association	No. BoT has final approval.
NC State	Delegated authority to the Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees. The BoT makes its selections of honorary degree recipients from nominations submitted to and recommended by the Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees and from nominations submitted directly to the University Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, in care of the Assistant Secretary to the Board.	The Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees is chaired by the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, and composed of 12 members: 5 faculty; 2 Distinguished University Professors; 1 academic Dean and 3 at-large faculty.	No. BoT has final approval from a selection of nominations.
UNC Chapel Hill	Nominees are submitted to the Faculty Honorary Degrees and Special Awards Committee, which recommends nominees for approval to the Faculty Council and the BoT.	Committee: 7 faculty members - 6 elected by the voting faculty + secretary of the faculty ex officio Faculty Council: Chancellor, Chair & Secretary of Faculty Senate, Members of Faculty Executive Committee (70 faculty members elected from 17 electoral divisions + 2 retired faculty members elected by Faculty Council)	No. BoT has final approval.

UNC Charlotte	The Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee is charged by the BoT and the Chancellor with the collection and screening of nominations for honorary degrees. The Committee solicits nominees. The Committee then forwards to the Chancellor a list of nominees with its evaluation of the nominees as to their worthiness of the award of the honorary degree.	11 faculty members from across the University	No. BoT has final approval.
Western Carolina	BoT has delegated to the Chancellor responsibility for process/procedure for honorary degrees.	The advisory committee includes: 1 tenured faculty member from each of 3 colleges on a rotating basis, the Graduate Dean (or his/her designee), 1 representative of the administrative divisions on a rotating basis, and the president of the Western Carolina University Alumni Association (or his/her designee). In the event of a tie decision by the advisory board, the chairman of the Board of Trustees will cast the tie-breaking vote.	No. BoT has final approval.
Fayetteville State	Provost-chaired Honorary Degree Advisory Committee reviews nominees and forwards selections to Chancellor. Chancellor-approved nominees forwarded to BoT for final approval.	3 faculty members selected by faculty senate, 1 grad student selected by Dean of Grad Studies, 1 undergrad student selected by SGA President, 1 staff member selected by staff senate	No. BoT has final approval.
NC Central	Honorary Degrees Committee of the Faculty Senate receives nominations (from the university or from those submitted directly to BoT in care of the Secretary to the Board). Nominations are reviewed by the following: Chancellor, Honorary Degree Committee, Faculty Senate, Academic Planning Council, and University Planning Council. Each makes a recommendation. Chancellor makes	8 faculty members elected by Faculty Senate. Chaired by Provost (?)	No. BoT has final authority.

	his/her recommendation to the BoT, which has final authority.		
UNC Wilmington	Academic Standards Committee considers nominations. ACS is a standing committee of the Faculty Senate. Nominations then go to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee; and then to Provost; and then to the Chancellor for recommendation to the Board of Trustees.	Membership is made up of 17 deans and faculty members.	No. BoT has final approval only.
UNC Pembroke	Nominations submitted to Provost. Provost chairs Honorary Degree Committee, which screens and makes recommendation to Chancellor. Chancellor may direct Provost to cease deliberations or forward to Faculty Senate for review. Faculty Senate votes in executive session. Provost presents to Deans for recommendation. Chancellor then meets with Provost, one Trustee, Faculty Senate Chair and Secretary of the BoT. Approved candidates submitted to BoT for review & final decision.	Provost, Faculty Senate Chair (or chair's designee), SGA President (or designee), President of Alumni Association, Chair of Graduate Council	No. BoT members participate in penultimate review. BoT has final approval.
Winston Salem State	Chancellor + Provost promulgate regulations for soliciting nominations for review by Honorary Degree Committee, which screens and forwards recommended nominees to Chancellor. Chancellor presents to BoT Academic Affairs Committee, which reports to full BoT for final action.	Chancellor appoints 7 members selected from faculty and administrators (excluding Provost). Provost or his/her designee chair the Committee.	No. BoT has final authority.
UNC School of the Arts	BoT makes final selections from nominations submitted to and recommended by Provost, who coordinates nominations with the Chancellor.	There does not appear to be a committee. Rather, the Provost receives and recommends nominees to Chancellor.	No. BoT has final approval.

Campuses Where Trustees are on Screening Committees			
East Carolina	Dean of Grad School chairs, ex officio. Committee submits nominees to Chancellor for review. Chancellor forwards approved names to BoT Executive Committee which in turn makes recs to full BoT. BoT has final authority.	Five faculty members selected by faculty senate; and five trustees selected by BoT	Yes
Elizabeth City State	Chancellor appointed committee reviews nominations submitted to Provost. Committee reviews and makes recommendations to Chancellor. Chancellor submits list to BoT. BoT has final authority.	2 trustees designated by BoT Chair, 3 faculty members recommended by faculty senate, 1 student recommended by SGA	Yes
UNC Asheville	Nominees are submitted to and reviewed by Chancellor who submits to BoT External Affairs Committee. Full BoT has discretion to act as a Committee-of-the-whole in considering nominations.	BoT Executive Committee or Full BoT (upon election to review as Committee-of-the-whole)	Yes
Information not publicly available			
NC A&T	Provost-chaired committee reviews nominations and submits evaluations to Chancellor, who makes final recommendations to BoT.	No publicly available information	
NC School of Math & Science			