REGULATION 10  DOCTOR OF DIVINITY (HONORIS CAUSA)

Approved by Council:  12 March 2014
Revised by Council:  None

10.1 The Council may confer the degree of Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) on a person if the Council has determined that the award is

   a) an appropriate recognition of the person's sustained and distinguished contribution to theological scholarship or to the wider community in the area of religion, and

   b) consistent with the University's vision and mission as approved by Council from time to time.

10.2 The Council may determine procedures for the recommendation of persons for the award of the Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa).
DETERMINATIONS MADE BY COUNCIL RELATING TO REGULATION 10

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Whereas Regulation 10 provides for the conferral of the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by the Council, these procedures specify how persons may be recommended to the Council for the award.

1. Nomination

A nomination of a person for the degree of Doctor of Divinity may be made by a member of Council or a Head of College in writing to the Vice-Chancellor. The nomination may include:

a) a current curriculum vitae

b) a statement of no more than two pages on how the nominee meets the criteria of Regulation 10, including evidence of a sustained and distinguished contribution to theological scholarship or to the wider community

c) references from two eminent persons, one internal to the University and one external to the University.

The Vice-Chancellor must refer the nomination to the Governance and Nominations Committee for assessment.

2. Assessment

The nomination is to be assessed by the Governance and Nominations Committee having regard to the criteria of Regulation 10. The Committee may seek further information from any person at its discretion.

3. Recommendation

3.1 If the Governance and Nominations Committee determines that it cannot recommend the award be made to the nominee, it must notify the Council that it has determined not to recommend the award but is not required to disclose the identity of the nominee.

3.2 If the Governance and Nominations Committee recommends that the award be made to the nominee, it must prepare a citation and refer the recommendation and citation to Academic Board in confidence for approval. The recommendation may proceed to Council only if a majority of all members of Academic Board give approval to the recommendation. If such approval is obtained, the recommendation and citation must be placed before the Council for its consideration.

3.3 The Council’s decision on a nomination for the degree of Doctor of Divinity is final.

4. Notification

4.1 If Council agrees to confer the degree of Doctor of Divinity, the Vice-Chancellor must notify the nominee in writing and arrange a suitable occasion for conferral of the award.
4.2 If the Governance and Nominations Committee determines that it cannot recommend the award be made to the nominee, or if the approval of a majority of members of Academic Board cannot be obtained on a recommendation of the Governance and Nominations Committee, or if Council determines not to confer the title, the Vice-Chancellor must notify the nominator in writing that the nomination was unsuccessful.