

OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Awarding Honorary Degrees
OIT-27-010

Oregon Institute of Technology will recommend to the State Board of Higher Education the awarding of an Honorary Doctorate of Technology degree using the following criteria and procedure:

Criteria

Candidates for honorary degrees are selected based on their integrity, distinguished achievements, and outstanding contributions to OIT, community, state or/and society in their lifetime. This will include service so noteworthy, because of longevity and significance to those served, that it has been seldom matched by others.

No honorary degree shall be granted to any individuals who are currently employed by the Oregon State of Higher Education.

Procedure

1. A six member Honorary Awards Committee is jointly appointed by the president of OIT and the president of the Faculty Senate. Committee membership must include at least two faculty members from each school, and two administrators.
2. Each year, the first week of October, the Honorary Awards Committee, HAC, will begin to solicit applications from the OIT community as well as from the State of Oregon from individuals who have met the above criteria. The application shall include all supporting documentation.
3. The HAC reviews all applications and forward qualified candidates to the Faculty Senate. The faculty Senate further reviews the recommended candidates during its February meeting. After reviewing the candidates, the Faculty Senate will vote by secret ballot on whether to approve each candidate. A vote of two-thirds is necessary for approval. All persons present at this session must refrain from making any names public.
4. The President of the Faculty Senate shall forward the documentation of successful candidates to the OIT President. The President will review the candidates and recommend his/her candidates for the honorary degree to the Board of Higher Education at least 90 days prior to the awarding of the degree. Upon receiving the Board of Higher Education's recommendation, the President shall formally notify the recipients and invite them to take part in an award ceremony.

All discussions and considerations of honorary degrees are strictly confidential.

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Recommended by:

Faculty Senate- March 2, 2010
President's Council – April 14, 2010

Approved:



Christopher G. Maples, President

Date:

August 13, 2010