THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
AGENCY RULES

11.99.99.P1 Granting Posthumous Degrees  
January 11, 2002

1. Rule

1.1 Prairie View A&M 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 and citizenship standing at the time of death.

1.2 For a posthumous degree to be awarded, one of the following criteria must be met:

   a. The student had completed all academic requirements for the degree, but prior to certification of the degree completion, the student died.

   b. The student had been enrolled in and was passing courses, which upon successful completion would have culminated in the awarding of the degree.

1.3 The dean of the school or college in which the student was pursuing the degree at the time of his or her death is responsible for ensuring that the procedures below are followed. Any exceptions to the rule or procedures on awarding of degrees posthumously must be approved by the President.

2. Procedures

2.1 The division/department head of a student who is enrolled in courses which would fulfill degree requirements at the time of the student's death, should present the academic record and recommendation for awarding the degree to the dean. In the colleges or schools which do not have division or department heads, the dean will forward the recommendation and supporting documentation (academic audit and proof of the student's demise) directly to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

2.2 The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs will transmit the file to the Registrar, Director of Financial Aid, and the University Discipline Officer and request their review and recommendations.

2.3 The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs will review the file, including all recommendations, and will make a recommendation to the President to either award or not award the posthumous degree.
2.4 The President will review the file, including all recommendations, and will make the decision to either award or not award. The decision will be communicated to the deceased student’s dean and to the Registrar through the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

2.5 Customarily, degrees awarded posthumously will be noted on the commencement program and a member of the deceased student’s family will be permitted to participate, upon approval, in the commencement program in which the deceased student would have been eligible to participate. Thirty days from the date of commencement, all degrees, including those awarded posthumously, may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar or may be mailed to the person legally authorized to manage the deceased student’s affairs.

CONTACT FOR INTERPRETATION: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs