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SENATE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
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DATE: September 5, 2008
TO: Operations Committee of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Ron Andrews, P.T., Ph.D., Chair, Senate Graduate Committee
RE: Posthumous Degree

At its September 4, 2008 meeting the Senate Graduate Committee voted to approve a request to grant a posthumous degree to Scott Hudson. Please see the attached memo from Patricia Risso, Chair of the History Department, detailing this request for Mr. Hudson.

The Senate Graduate Committee's approval is based primarily on the two conditions specified in the faculty handbook relative to the granting of posthumous degrees. Mr. Hudson had completed the bulk of the work required for the degree and his academic record is in good standing. Therefore, we request that the Faculty Senate support the awarding of a posthumous masters degree to Scott Hudson. We also request that this item be put on the Senate's agenda at the earliest convenience. The History department is concerned on behalf of Mr. Hudson's family that this situation be resolved quickly.

Thank you.

Attachment



Department of History

To: Brenda Claiborne, Dean, College of A&S
From: Patricia Risso, Chair, History *Patricia Risso*
Subject: Posthumous MA degree for Scott Hudson
Date: 06 May 2008

The Department of History has initiated a request for a posthumous MA degree to one of our graduate students, Scott Hudson, and we seek approval of the College, as required by the Faculty Handbook (policy attached).

Scott was a brilliant student. Confined to a wheelchair since youth due to muscular dystrophy, and requiring a respirator in the last year or so of his life, Scott managed to complete 21 of 24 course credit hours toward his MA. He held a graduate assistantship in the *New Mexico Historical Review*, and did an excellent job. He was enrolled this semester but had to withdraw when brain cancer made him too ill. He died 22 April 2008.

We hope the College will approve our request for the posthumous degree.

Approved *Brenda Claiborne* date *5/8/08*
Brenda Claiborne, Dean