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**SENATE GRADUATE &
PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE**

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DATE: March 21, 2013

TO: Operations Committee of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Linney Wix, Ph.D., Chair 
Senate Graduate & Professional Committee

RE: Posthumous Degree

At its March 21, 2013 meeting the Senate Graduate & Professional Committee voted to approve a request to grant a posthumous degree to Kenneth Lindemann (100919026). Please see the attached memo from Daniel Barkley, Professor and Chair, University Libraries, detailing this request for Mr. Lindemann.

The Senate Graduate & Professional Committee's approval is based primarily on the two conditions specified in the faculty handbook relative to the granting of posthumous degrees. Mr. Lindemann had completed the coursework 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 Doctor of Philosophy to Kenneth Lindemann. We also request that this item be put on the Senate's agenda at the earliest convenience. The faculty of the University Libraries is concerned on behalf of Mr. Lindemann's family that this situation be resolved quickly.

Thank you.

Attachment



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March 20th, 2013

Professor Linney Wix
Chair, Faculty Senate Graduate and Professional Committee
University of New Mexico

Dear Professor Wix,

I am writing to the Graduate and Professional Committee in my capacity as Chair of the University Libraries Faculty, a member of the Faculty-Senate Operations Committee and on behalf of the Ken Lindermann family in seeking Ken's Award of Doctorate posthumously. As you will note this recommendation originates with the Organization Learning and Instructional Department, was approved by the University Libraries faculty and endorsed by the Dean of the College Dr. Martha Bedard.

Mr. Lindermann has met all the criteria as established by the UNM Faculty Handbook, and according to his dissertation advisor, Dr. Lani Gunawardena, was one chapter shy of finishing his dissertation prior to his untimely death.

On a personal note I've known Ken for approximately 15 years and over that period of time we developed a very close relationship due to our mutual interest in high school basketball officiating. I shared multiple games with Ken and through that avocation saw him develop as a mentor to younger officials. I also witnessed his personal growth through his academic endeavors, his instruction/mentoring at Central New Mexico as well as in the OLIT department.

It would be a great honor to his family to have this award. As well, it is well earned and deserved.

Please contact me should you or the Committee have any questions.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Best,

Professor Daniel C. Barkley
Chair, University Libraries Faculty

Memorandum

February 12, 2013

Organizational Learning and
Instructional Technology (OLIT)

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To: Dr. Frances Wilkinson, Deputy Dean, University Libraries
Daniel Barkley, Government Information Coordinator, University Libraries

From: Mark Salisbury, PhD, Professor & Director, OLIT Program


Subject: Award of Doctorate to Ken Lindemann, Posthumously

100919026

This memorandum is to inform you that on November 7, 2012, the Organizational Learning and Instructional (OLIT) program faculty members unanimously voted to award the PhD degree to Ken Lindemann, posthumously, at the end of spring semester, 2013.

The nomination to award the PhD degree to Mr. Lindemann, posthumously, was put forth by his dissertation advisor, Dr. Lani Gunawardena. Dr. Gunawardena compellingly presented her reasoning for the award. After questioning by OLIT faculty members, concerning UNM policy for awarding doctorate degrees, posthumously, OLIT faculty members were satisfied that all criteria set forth by the UNM Faculty Handbook were met by Mr. Lindemann to be awarded the PhD degree, posthumously.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about this memorandum to award the PhD degree to Mr. Lindemann, posthumously, at the end of spring semester, 2013.

Date: March 11, 2013
To: University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
From: Martha Bedard, Dean of University Libraries 
Subject: Award of Doctorate to Ken Lindemann, Posthumously

This memorandum serves to inform you that on November 12, 2013, the University Libraries Faculty voted, and unanimously approved, the award of PhD to Ken Lindemann. The degree will be noted as posthumous and granted at the end of the 2013 spring semester.

On November 7, 2012, the Organizational Learning and Instructional (OLIT) program faculty also unanimously voted to award this degree, posthumously, to Mr. Lindemann.

This nomination was initially put forth by his dissertation advisor, Dr. Lani Gunawardena. After examination of UNM policy, all faculty members were satisfied that all criteria set forth by the UNM Faculty Handbook were met.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.