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**SENATE GRADUATE &
PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE**

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TO: Operations Committee of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Claudia B. Isaac, Ph.D., Chair *Claudia B. Isaac*
Senate Graduate & Professional Committee

RE: Posthumous Degree

At its April 22, 2010 meeting the Senate Graduate & Professional Committee voted to approve a request to grant a posthumous degree to Tejay Collins (101268580). Please see the attached memo from Jeanmarie Keim, Coordinator, Counselor Education, detailing this request for Mr. Collins.

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. Collins 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 Master of Arts in Counseling to Tejay Collins. We also request that this item be put on the Senate's agenda at the earliest convenience. The Counselor Education program and the Department of Individual, Family & Community Education are concerned on behalf of Mr. Collins's family that this situation be resolved quickly.

Thank you.

Attachment



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Department of Individual, Family & Community Education

Graduate Office
University of New Mexico

Counselor Education

Early Childhood Multicultural Education

Educational Psychology

Family Studies

Nutrition/Dietetics

To the Office of Graduate Studies:

The Counselor Education Faculty submit this document in support of Tejay Ross Collins receiving a Posthumous Degree, as outlined in policy D-90. Tejay Ross Collins was enrolled and had completed the work in a graduate-level course (Counseling Ethics) at the time of his death. Tejay also completed, at a minimum, half of the credits that are required for a master's degree in Counseling. According to the University of New Mexico (UNM) policy for a posthumous degree, Tejay met the requirements.

Tejay was an exemplary student and very active in the counseling profession. He was also an employee of UNM. He was a leader in Chi Sigma Iota International Honorary Society. He represented our program and the university at the national American Counseling Association's annual conference. He was highly respected by his peers and faculty.

Please accept this memorandum to support Tejay Ross Collins' posthumous Master of Arts degree in Counseling.

Sincerely,

Jeanmarie Keim, Ph.D., ABPP

Coordinator, Counselor Education