

DATE: April 1, 2021

TO: Operations Committee of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Nikki Jernigan, Ph.D., Chair
Senate Graduate & Professional Committee

RE: Posthumous Degree

At its April 1, 2021 meeting the Senate Graduate & Professional Committee voted to approve a request to grant a posthumous degree to Glenda Lewis (100009263). Please see the attached email from detailing this request for Ms. Lewis.

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. Ms. Lewis had completed the coursework required for the degree and her academic record is in good standing. Therefore, we request that the Faculty Senate support the awarding of a posthumous Doctor of Philosophy in Language, Literacy & Sociocultural Studies to Glenda Lewis. We also request that this item be put on the Senate's agenda at the earliest convenience.

Thank you,



Attachment

March 30, 2021

Senate Graduate & Professional Committee:

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I am formally requesting the PhD in Language, Literacy & Sociocultural Studies be awarded posthumously to Glenda Lewis (100009263).

Sincerely,

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Supported and approved by the faculty of the department.

**Carlos
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Interim Dept. Chair
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