

## College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Office of the Dean 9201 University City Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28223-0001

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Joan F. Lorden, Provost

FROM:

Nancy A. Gutierrez Maney A. Suttines

Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

DATE:

September 28, 2012

SUBJECT:

Posthumous Degree Recommendations

I am writing to recommend the posthumous award of degrees to the following students from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

Shannon E. Smith, B.A. degree, major in Psychology

Jordan Slusher, B. A. degree, majors in Religious Studies and Psychology, with University Honors Distinction.

Both students were duly enrolled in the University at the time of their death and had completed more than 90 hours toward their respective degrees. Please see the accompanying memos from Fary Cachelin, James Tabor, Malin Pereira and Constance Rothwell supporting these recommendations. These recommendations were endorsed by a unanimous vote of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Council.

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Nancy Gutierrez, Dean

Stephanie Moller, President Faculty Council

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

FROM:

James D. Tabor

Chair, Dept. of Religious Studies

RE:

Posthumous Degree Request for Jordan D. Slusher

The faculty of the Department of Religious Studies unanimously recommends Jordan D. Slusher (800666903), who died tragically in hiking accident on June 9, 2012, for a posthumous B.A. degree. Jordan was one of our most outstanding Religious Studies majors and was also doing an honors thesis with Jeremy Schott. Accordingly, we have also been in touch with Connie Rothwell, director of the University Honors Program who further requests that this degree be awarded with University Honors Distinction. Jordan had a second major in Psychology and our understanding is the faculty of that department will be submitting a similar request.

Jordan had completed 112 hours as of Spring, 2012 with a cumulative GPA of 3.73. He was anticipating his graduation in December, 2012 and had already consulted with several of us about applications to Graduate Schools in Religious Studies. As such he meets and exceeds the minimum university requirements for reception of a posthumous degree.

We trust that the Dean's office as well as representatives of the Faculty Council will concur with this request as a way of honoring Jordan and his outstanding academic achievements and promise.

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Tabor

CC: Bill Hill, Charles Brody, Banita Brown, Jessica Waldman, Connie Rothwell, Al Maisto, Fary Cachelin, Lori R. Van Wallendael, Dan White, Jeremy Schott

From: Cachelin, Fary

Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 10:45 AM To: Tabor, James; Gutierrez, Nancy

Cc: Hill, Bill; Brody, Charles; Brown, Banita; Rothwell, Connie; Maisto, Al; Van Wallendael, Lori; Smith, Stephanie Moller; White, Dan; Palmer, Joye; Waldman, Jessica; Schott, Jeremy

Subject: RE: Jordan Shlusher, Posthumous Degree Request from RELS

Dear Dean Gutierrrez,

Psychology fully supports this recommendation. Jordan had completed all but three courses towards the Psychology degree, and maintained an excellent g.p.a. in the major. He certainly would have completed the remaining requirements for Psychology in his next semester of attendance.

Thank you, Fary Cachelin Chair, Psychology

From: James D. Tabor [jdtabor@uncc.edu] Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 1:46 PM

To: Gutierrez, Nancy

Cc: Hill, Bill; Brody, Charles; Brown, Banita; Rothwell, Connie; Maisto, Al; Cachelin, Fary; Van Wallendael, Lori; Smith, Stephanie Moller; White, Dan; Palmer, Joye; Waldman, Jessica; Schott, Jeremy

Subject: Jordan Shlusher, Posthumous Degree Request from RELS

Please see attached.

James

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## **University Honors Program**

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September 14, 2012

To:

Dr. Nancy Gutierrez

Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Science

From: Dr. Malin Pereira ///alin No

Executive Director of the Honors College

Constance G. Rothwell

Director of the University Honors Program

RE:

Graduation with University Honors Distinction for Jordan Slusher

Jordan Slusher is recommended for graduation with University Honors Distinction as a part of his posthumous degree.

Jordan Slusher completed all curricular requirements, except the final project, in University Honors. He was an exemplary member of the community service and enrichment requirements for the Program.

This recommendation is given without reserve.