



September 17, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: Jim Murdaugh, President 
SUBJECT: Awarding Posthumous Degrees

Item Description

This item is to request that the Board of Trustees approve a new policy for awarding posthumous degrees.

Overview and Background

To date, TCC has no policy for the awarding of posthumous degrees. After research and discussion among colleagues, the Department of Education, and the College attorney, we will establish a new policy.

Past Actions by the Board

The Board has taken no previous action on proposed Policy 10-23.

Funding/Financial Implications

No negative impact on current budget.

Staff Resource

Sharon Jefferson

Recommended Action

Approve College Policy 10-23.

**TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
P O L I C Y**

TITLE: Awarding Posthumous Degrees	NUMBER: 10-23
AUTHORITY: Florida Statute: 1004.68	SEE ALSO:
DATE ADOPTED: 09/17/2012	

The President may recommend to the Board of Trustees a “Degree in Memoriam” in honor of a student who deceases while enrolled in the College providing the following requirements are met:

1. The award of the degree is requested by a member of the student’s immediate family (i.e. mother, father, sister, brother, spouse, child or grandparent) and
2. The student was enrolled and in good standing at the time of his/her death.

The Degree in Memoriam may be presented on behalf of students who were called away from their academic training to take part in active military duty and were killed in the line of duty.

The Degree in Memoriam may be presented to appropriate members of the student’s immediate family at a Board of Trustee meeting or at a graduation ceremony.

All posthumous degrees are subject to approval by the President and the District Board of Trustees.