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JOINT COUNCIL/SENATE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES AND FELLOWSHIPS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are hereby invited from interested members of the University community for candidates in respect of the award of Honorary Degrees at the 69th Foundation Day Ceremony of the University on **17 November, 2017**.

Each nomination should be accompanied by a brief write-up on why the nominee is deserving of the award, along with an abridged Curriculum Vitae, **discreetly** obtained.

Nominations should be submitted under confidential cover to reach the Registrar not later than **Monday, 24 July, 2017**.

The final selection shall be guided by the following criteria as approved by Council at its meeting of **Thursday, 25 May, 2017** and should be noted:

- (i) No member of the University, other than the Chancellor, should be considered for the award of an Honorary Degree;
- (ii) Honorary Degrees should be given only for outstanding achievements which should be so outstanding as to be non-controversial;

- (iii) The distribution of awards should reflect the national and international character of the University; Honorary Degrees should not, however, be regarded as substitute for national honours;
- (iv) Honorary Degrees should not be awarded in absentia except for very grave reasons of an emergency nature;
- (v) The number of awards should not normally exceed four in one year, nor need an award be made every year.
- (vi) The recipient's works and achievements should have had direct or indirect connection with welfare of Africa; or that the recipient should have made significant contributions to the development of the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, or to education generally;
- (vii) Great weight should be placed on the contributions of the recipient to research, scholarship and learning, and that the actual award made should be one that is academically appropriate to the achievements of the recipients;
- (viii) On each occasion that awards are made, the list of awards should, as far as possible, represent a balanced cross-section of spheres of national and/or international achievement;
- (ix) Nominators should not approach their nominees under any circumstances whatever until the nominations have been actually approved by Senate and Council for the award of the Honorary Degrees;
- (x) Normally, nominees who have been considered on three occasions should not be considered again by the Committee until the lapse of three years after the last occasion;
- (xi) In exceptional circumstances, Honorary Degrees may be awarded posthumously to deserving candidates;
- (xii) The policy of not awarding Honorary Degrees to serving public officers be maintained; although, the Committee should use its discretion in applying the policy;

- (xiii) The policy of not making awards for political reasons be retained; and
- (xiv) Late nominations should not be considered at the screening exercise for the award of Honorary Degrees.

Faculties that wish to make nominations should pass same through their Faculty Boards. Further information can be obtained from the Registrar.

Thank you.

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