

HONORARY DEGREE COMMITTEE

Mission Statement/Bylaws

The committee, which reports to the Senate, the President, and the Board of Trustees, is charged with developing a slate of candidates representing the highest values and breadth of commitment of the university. The criteria for nomination are extraordinary excellence and character as demonstrated by notable achievement in a field of learning, the arts, the professions, or public service. Nominations should set forth compelling reasons why it would be especially fitting for Emory University to honor nominees. The committee will receive with particular interest nominations of persons directly connected with Emory or the region, although that is not a necessary qualification for serious consideration. Except in extraordinary circumstances, persons who have spent the greater part of their careers as members of the Emory faculty or administration will not be considered. The committee especially encourages nominations of women and members of ethnic minorities.

Nominations (consisting of a detailed nominating letter, a *curriculum vitae* or entry from *Who's Who*, and a supporting letter) should be sent to the committee in care of the Secretary of the University. Other pertinent materials may also be submitted.

As nominations must be approved by the President and the Board of Trustees before an invitation can be extended to receive an honorary degree, nominations should not be discussed with people being nominated, and all deliberations about honorary degrees should be kept confidential.

Membership Guidelines

Faculty Membership: Approximately nine individuals representing the various schools of the university.

Student Members: Approximately three students will serve on the committee, one undergraduate and two from the graduate and professional schools.

Administrative/Ex officio: Ex officio committee members will consist of the Secretary to the University, the Alumni Director, and the President of the University Senate.