

### **3.13 GRANTING OF DEGREES**

#### **3.13.1 Purpose**

This policy guides the State Regents and institutions of the State System with respect to the granting and conferral of degrees and other forms of academic recognition.

#### **3.13.2 Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in the Chapter, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Certificate” is a recognition awarded for an organized program of study that does not lead to an academic degree.

“Diploma” is a formal document issued by an institution that certifies a student has successfully completed an instructional program.

“Degree” is an academic credential conferred by a college or university as official recognition for the successful completion of an instructional program.

“Honorary Degree” is a degree awarded upon an individual who has made outstanding contributions to society through intellectual, artistic, scientific, professional, or public service accomplishments.

“Program” is a sequentially organized series of courses and other educational experiences designed to culminate in an academic degree or certificate. For purposes of this policy, instructional program, academic program, and course of study will be considered synonymous.

“Posthumous Degree” is a nonacademic degree awarded to a deceased student who may not have completed the last semester of work.

“Transcript” is the official document issued by an institution with student information that is a complete and accurate reflection of a student’s academic career. It includes information such as GPA, semesters of attendance, courses taken, grades and credit hours awarded, degrees received, academic standing, academic honors, and transfer information. The transcript may also include the CGPA.

#### **3.13.3 Authorization for Conferral of Degrees**

Institutions shall confer only those degrees and other form of academic recognition as authorized by the State Regents. Authorization for conferral of a particular degree will be given at the time the State Regents approve the program containing the prescribed course of study and requirements for graduation.

#### **3.13.4 Diplomas**

All diplomas awarded shall be conferred with authorization of the State Regents by the institution where the student has completed requirements for a degree program. Diplomas awarded shall be in a uniform format prescribed by the State Regents as described below.

- A. The diploma shall bear the seal of the State Regents and shall contain the signatures of the chairman, the secretary, and the