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Board Meeting
January 18, 2007

HONORARY DEGREES, 2007, URBANA

Action: Authorize the Award of Honorary Doctorate Degrees for 2007, Urbana

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Senate at the Urbana-Champaign campus has recommended that honorary degrees be conferred on the following persons at Commencement Exercises:

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William D. Nix, Lee Otterson Professor of Engineering, Stanford University--the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering

Dr. Nix has had a distinguished career as a researcher, teacher and lecturer. He has had a profound influence on the broad field of materials and, in particular, on structural materials. His research has focused on mechanical behavior of solids. Dr. Nix started his career with a series of major contributions on high temperature creep and fracture of metals, the most prominent subject of mechanical properties of materials at the time. He has pioneered research on the mechanical behavior of thin films, multilayers, and silicon small volume structures.

Genshitsu Sen, Immediate Past Grandmaster of the Urasenke Tradition of Tea--the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts

Dr. Sen is an editor and author, Buddhist monk, and the foremost expert on the history and practice of the tea ceremony. The Japanese tradition of tea began in the sixteenth century by Sen Riyu. Dr. Sen became the 15th-generation successor to serve as grandmaster of the Urasenke lineage in 1964. As the grandmaster, he exercises worldwide leadership in the Way of Tea and serves as a goodwill ambassador and worker for world peace. Dr. Sen serves on the boards of directors of several educational institutions within Japan, and is professor at a number of universities in Japan and abroad. In 1991, the government of the People's Republic of China awarded Dr. Sen the degree Doctor of Philosophy, the first such degree granted to a non-Chinese scholar.

The Chancellor at Urbana concurs in these recommendations.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University recommends approval.