

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2013**

Present: Andreas Cangellaris, Chair, Akash Agarwal, Jayadev Athreya (by phone), Stephen Cartwright

Absent: Grace Abernathy, Jeremy Tyson, Steven Zimmerman

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees (HD) convened at 8:00 a.m. in Room 158 Everitt Lab with Chair Cangellaris presiding.

I. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

Chair Cangellaris and Cartwright met with Edward Feser, Dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts. Their goal was to receive the Dean's support and interest in discussing with his units the naming and nominating of candidates across the Arts community. They left the meeting feeling that Dean Feser was enthusiastic about nominations.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the February 5 meeting were approved as distributed.

III. NOMINATIONS APPROVED FOR COMMENCEMENT 2013

James Thomson – John D. MacArthur Professor, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

The nomination has been approved by the Senate and the Board of Trustees. The honorary degree will be awarded in May 2013.

Fred R. Volkmar – Director, Yale University Child Study Center, and Irving B. Harris Professor of Child Psychiatry

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IV. NOMINATIONS APPROVED FOR COMMENCEMENT 2014

Narayana N.R. Murthy, Chairman Emeritus, Infosys Limited

The nomination will go to the Board of Trustees for pre-approval and then be forwarded for Senate approval.

George E. Andrews, Evan Pugh Professor of Mathematics, Pennsylvania State University

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V. REVIEW OF NOMINATIONS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR COMMENCEMENT 2013:

Shahid R. Khan, Owner and Chief Executive Officer, Flex-N-Gate Corporation

Chair Cangellaris stated that the main purpose of the meeting is to vote on Khan's nomination. Chancellor Wise has selected Khan as this year's commencement speaker and the nomination for an honorary degree was made by Michael Bragg, Interim Dean of the College of Engineering. Three letters of support have been received with another expected from Peter Fox, CEO of Fox Development Corporation. Based on HD's recommendation, a letter from NFL Commissioner, Roger Goodell, was sought and is expected to be received early next week. This is a letter from outside the campus and Urbana-Champaign communities and its emphasis will be on Khan's impact beyond the local community.

HD reviewed the informational sheet which will be provided when the nomination is presented to the Senate. Cartwright and Agarwal noted that excerpts should be added regarding Khan's philanthropic contributions to the community, in particular to the campus. Chair Cangellaris will revise the document.

HD approved the nomination to be forwarded to the Senate for its approval.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

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