

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES
MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2013**

Present: Andreas Cangellaris, Chair, Jayadev Athreya, Stephen Cartwright, Jeremy Tyson

Absent: Grace Abernathy, Akash Agarwal, Steven Zimmerman

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees (HD) convened at 9:05 a.m. in Room 155 Everitt Lab with Chair Cangellaris presiding.

I. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

Chair Cangellaris noted that he had received a call from the Chancellor's Office regarding possible consideration of this year's commencement speaker for an honorary degree. The Committee may need to meet in early February to consider this nomination.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the October 30 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. REVIEW OF NOMINATIONS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR COMMENCEMENT 2014:

Michael Ashby – Professor, Department of Engineering, University of Cambridge UK

Chair Cangellaris requested an updated letter of recommendation for this nomination. The Committee will discuss the nomination further once it is received.

Tom Hanks – Actor

Chair Cangellaris noted that he and Cartwright will meet with the College of Fine and Applied Arts to garner support for this nomination.

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

Three letters of support for the nomination were received. A letter was received from Kent Fuchs, Provost of Cornell University, which notes not only Mr. Murthy's accomplishments but also his integrity and generosity. Chair Cangellaris noted that Mr. Murthy will be in the United States during the upcoming spring and his belief that he would make an appropriate commencement speaker.

Athreya recused himself from voting on the nomination due to his personal relationship with Mr. Murthy, but he did note that Mr. Murthy has done a significant amount of charity work and is strongly invest in research.

HD members approved moving forward with the nomination. Chair Cangellaris will contact committee members not in attendance to get their input for the nomination. Chair Cangellaris will also contact Chancellor Wise regarding the consideration of Mr. Murthy as a commencement speaker.

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

Three letters of support for the nomination have been received. The Committee will discuss this nomination further at the next meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.