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Dr. Ben Givens, Secretary
University Senate
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Dear Ben,

Please accept this communication as the Senate's Committee on Honorary Degrees 2017-2018 report. This past year the committee was comprised of the following members: José O. Díaz (Chair), Clark Larsen, William Marras (2021), Herbert Ockerman (2021), Randy Nelson (2020), Julia Andrews (2019), and Ann Allen (2018).

The Committee's docket included six nominations. It approved three and is currently waiting for documentation for the remaining three. The status of our grantees/nominees is as follows:

- The committee approved the nomination of Professor Dr. *Atul Gawande*, Dr. *Carla Hayden*, Librarian of Congress and scientist, writer, and Buddhist monk *Matthieu Ricart* (Conferral pending for all of them).
- Three additional nominations now await for supporting documentation before the committee reaches a final decision.
- Although the committee did not act on these recommendations, it considered a reduction in the number of supporting letters for nominees (four instead of seven). It also considered the creation of an online form, available via the Senate's webpage, to facilitate the submission of nominations. These changes could lead to an increased number of nominations and a more agile process. The next Committee Chair could consider these changes.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmest regards,

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