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Dear Minister

Application for consent to offer Honorary Degrees

As you are aware, Charles Sturt University (CSU) has been granted consent to offer a Bachelor of Primary Education Studies and to hold itself out as a university in Ontario.

One of the conditions of that consent was that the Minister's approval was required to offer honorary degrees in Ontario and that a separate application must be submitted to you in this regard. Accordingly, I write to apply for that approval.

CSU has a tradition of awarding honorary doctorates on Australian and international recipients who have demonstrated significant contribution to scholarship and public/professional enterprise.

The policy on the award of honorary doctorates is set out in the University's *Regulations for the Award of Honorary Degrees* (attached). The regulation states:

The Council may confer an honorary doctorate of the University in recognition of:

- a) academic and/or professional eminence, at State or national level, taking particular account of the connection between the recipient and the University; or
- b) significant achievement for, in the words of Charles Sturt, "the public good".

Over the years, the University has recognised outstanding leadership of Australian and international recipients including the former Australian Deputy Prime Minister, The Honourable Timothy Fisher, leading international artist Tim Storrier, the Anglican Archbishop of Australia, The Honourable Dr Peter Carnley, leading wine maker

Wolfgang Blass, Cambodian Minister for Finance His Excellency Keat Chhon and leading indigenous Australians Evonne Goolagong-Cawley and Dawn Casey.

For 2006, the Council has approved the conferral of honorary doctorates on the former Governor General of Australia and Justice of the High Court, His Excellency Sir William Deane, AO, leading Australian businesswoman and the first woman President of Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, Jill Kerr Conway, the first woman President of the Australian Senate, The Honourable Margaret Reid, AO and the first United States Ambassador to Vietnam after 1975, and former prisoner of war, Mr Pete Petersen.

Nominations for the conferral of an honorary doctorate are considered by the Council's Corporate Governance and Nominations Committee, constituted by the Chancellor, Deputy Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and two independent members of the Council. The Committee undertakes a considered analysis of a detailed background paper setting out the achievements and contribution of the nominee before recommending its decision to the Council. The Committee does not progress nominations that do not meet the standards for award established by the University.

In making this request for approval, the University proposes that the consent is limited to no more than one honorary degree per calendar year to be conferred through Charles Sturt University in Ontario.

I hope that you will consider this request favourably. Could I also request that you waive the fee for review by the PEQAB as CSU has recently undergone a review.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact my on 61 2 6338 4209.

Yours sincerely



Professor Ian Goulter
Vice-Chancellor

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As approved by the Board of Governors on 10 July 1998 (BG 98/100) and amended by the University Council on 20 August 1999 (CNL99/30) and 18 October 2000 (CNL00/214), 30 May 2002 (CNL02/69) and 6 March 2003 (CNL03/15). Amended by the Standing Committee of the Council 5 November 20/11/03 (STG03/08).

1. INTRODUCTION

This Policy applies to the conferring of honorary doctorates and to the conferring of the titles Emeritus Professor and Companion of the University.

2. GROUNDS FOR CONFERRAL

2.1 Honorary Doctorates

The Council may confer an honorary doctorate of the University in recognition of:

- a) academic and/or professional eminence, at State or national level, taking particular account of the connection between the recipient and the University; or
- b) significant achievement for, in the words of Charles Sturt, "the public good".

2.1.1 Honorary Doctorates Conferred on Staff

A staff member of the University may be considered for an honorary doctorate though such an award shall not normally be conferred until after the staff member's period of employment has ended.

A person who was a member of the professoriate, and whose services to the University and/or to his or her discipline is to be recognised through the conferral of an honorary doctorate, may also be recognised through the title Emeritus Professor.

2.1.2 Nomenclature of Honorary Doctorates

The Council may confer the following honorary doctorates:

Doctor of the University (<i>honoris causa</i>)	HonDUniv C. Sturt
Doctor of Letters (<i>honoris causa</i>)	HonDLitt C. Sturt
Doctor of Science (<i>honoris causa</i>)	HonDSc C. Sturt
Doctor of Arts (<i>honoris causa</i>)	HonDA C. Sturt
Doctor of Business (<i>honoris causa</i>)	HonDBus C. Sturt
Doctor of Education (<i>honoris causa</i>)	HonDEd C. Sturt
Doctor of Health Studies (<i>honoris causa</i>)	HonDHStud C. Sturt
Doctor of Applied Science (<i>honoris causa</i>)	HonDAppSc C. Sturt

The award Doctor of the University shall only be awarded *honoris causa* and is normally awarded for outstanding service to the University.

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2.2 Companion of Charles Sturt University

The Council may confer the title Companion of Charles Sturt University on any person who has provided outstanding service to the University and/or community in the form of:

- significant support for the development of the University;
- community service; or
- significant achievement towards, in the words of Charles Sturt, "the public good".

2.2.1 Use of the Title of Companion of Charles Sturt University

A person admitted as a Companion of Charles Sturt University may use the title and the post-nominal Companion *C.Sturt*.

2.3 Emeritus Professorships

The title of Professor Emeritus may be conferred upon an employee of the University holding an appointment as Professor who retires, resigns or whose contract expires and who has normally held the rank of Professor for a substantial period. The recipient may elect or be invited to continue their association with the University in research, scholarship or teaching.

3 Privileges

Recipients of an honorary degree from the University and Companions of the University will:

- have the degree conferred or be admitted as a Companion at a graduation or special ceremony of the University;
- become a Life Member of the Alumni Association and Convocation of the University;
- be eligible to use the University Library and to join any clubs or associations of the University;
- be accorded special status at official functions of the University;
- be entitled to wear the appropriate academic or ceremonial dress as specified in the University's academic regulations or by this policy.

4. Academic and Ceremonial Dress

The academic dress for all honorary awards is specified in the University's academic regulations covering graduation.

The ceremonial dress for Companions of the University will be:

- a) a gown of black cloth, manufactured to the same pattern as graduates holding a degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Cambridge; and

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- b) a medallion, to be worn about the neck suspended by a maroon ribbon, cast in Sterling Silver and being 60mm in diameter and 3mm thick, containing on the facing side an enamel facsimile of the official seal of the University as granted by the Territorial Decoration Garter Principle King of Arms encircled by the word "Companion of the University" in upper case and on the reverse side a wattle spray with the words "Presented to" and the name of the recipient.

3. APPROVING AWARDS

3.1 Nominations

3.1.1 Who Can Nominate Candidates?

The nomination of a person for an honorary award or title may be made by any member of the University. The nomination should initially be discussed with the Vice-Chancellor.

3.1.2 Nominations

Nominations shall be in the form of a brief statement that sets out why the person is being nominated for an award or title or preferably in the form of a draft citation that might be read at the graduation ceremony. The statement must specify the doctorate or title recommended for conferral.