

## **Curriculum Committee Resolution 23/24-10**

**Date:** March 7, 2024  
**To:** St. Olaf Faculty  
**From:** Curriculum Committee  
**Re:** Posthumous Degree Policy

At the March 14, 2024 Faculty Meeting, the Curriculum Committee will move that the faculty approve the following changes to the catalog beginning retroactively in the 2023-24 school year.

After accepting recommendations from the Policy, Procedures and Accessibility Sub-Committee, the Curriculum Committee proposes this change and accompanying points of clarification to the colleges catalog. If approved, this change will go into effect for the 2023-2024 academic year.

### Resolution:

Posthumous degrees provide St. Olaf College with an established avenue for recognizing the academic achievement of students who have completed all or nearly all of their degree requirements but died before graduating. The College may award a posthumous degree to students with senior classification, who are enrolled, or on an approved leave, and who have completed a significant amount of their coursework to warrant the academic award at the time of death. Requests must be approved by the Department Chair, the Associate Dean, the Provost, and the President.

### Rationale:

In response to the recent death of a senior student, Provost Marci Sortor awarded a posthumous degree to that student. This resolution will codify this practice