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| <p><b>CAMPUS POLICY</b></p>  <p><b>UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO at<br/>COLORADO SPRINGS</b></p> | <p><b>POLICY NUMBER:</b><br/>200-004</p>  | <p><b>PAGE NUMBER:</b><br/>1 of 2</p> |
|  | <p><b>CHAPTER:</b> Academic</p>   |                                       |
|  | <p><b>SUBJECT:</b> Participation in Commencement and other Academic Ceremonies</p>  |                                       |
|  | <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b><br/>January 18, 2005</p>  |                                       |
| <p>OPR: Chancellor's Office</p> <p>VC: Academic Affairs</p>  | <p><b>SUPERSESSSION:</b><br/>July 1, 1997</p> <p>Approved by Pamela Shockley-Zalabak, Chancellor, on January 18, 2005</p> |                                       |

I. POLICY:

- A. The Council of Deans recommended that the campus adopt a policy that would limit participation in commencement and other celebrations of academic accomplishment to student believed to have met all pertinent requirements. The proposed policy was submitted to the Faculty Association Executive Committee for review and comment. Discussion was followed by a split vote against the proposal (8-7). Concerns expressed by those voting against the proposal seemed to focus on the nature of exceptions to be permitted. Accordingly, this part of the policy has been modified somewhat.
- B. During discussions regarding this policy, a suggestion was made that there be two types of participants at commencement. Those who were actually expected to graduate and those who will complete their requirements during the summer. Should the campus choose to adopt such an approach, this policy would be easily modifiable.

II. AUTHORITY FOR CAMPUS POLICIES:

III. PURPOSE:

- A. Participation in commencement or any academic ceremony which recognizes or honors students for the completion of an academic program or specific academic accomplishment is based upon an understanding that all requirements have been completed. In a few instances, verification may not be possible whether due to error or unforeseen circumstances. Notwithstanding this reality, every effort will be made to determine eligibility in advance. Only students who have met requirements will be permitted to participate in commencement ceremonies or other ceremonies honoring the completion of specific academic requirements.

B Exceptions:

- 1. Exceptions to this policy require the approval of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Circumstances which might justify exceptions include but are not limited to: a student whose eligibility to graduate is in dispute and under appeal, a student whose health or personal circumstances are

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such that it is virtually certain that it would be impossible for the student to participate in a future commencement or other academic ceremony (e.g. a terminal illness or legal requirement that the student must leave the country following completion of degree requirements). Recommendations from a Dean or other University official may be submitted, but are not required. There shall be no right to appeal the decision of the Vice Chancellor except on grounds that the decision was based upon incorrect information or failure to honor the provisions of this policy.

C. Implementation:

1. A statement concerning this policy shall be included in the next published editions of the University catalog, bulletin, all subsequent class schedules, and in all materials concerning commencement procedures and requirements as well as similar materials related to other academic ceremonies covered by this policy.

IV. DEFINITIONS:

V. PROCEDURES:

VI. RESPONSIBILITY:

VII. HISTORY:

VIII. ATTACHMENTS: