

## 2015-2016 Annual Report from the Honorary Degree Committee

The following were members of the Honorary Degree Committee during the academic year 2015-16:

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The HDC considered nominations of 16 individuals during the Academic Year. Five names were presented to Faculty Council. The degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, was awarded to Mr. Hal Holbrook, actor, who is especially noted for his re-enactment of Mark Twain (Honorary Doctor of Laws, 1902), and to Mr. Paul Sturtz and Mr. David Wilson for their work in Film, especially organizing the annual True/False Festival held in Columbia. The degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, was awarded to Shawn Askinosie, BA '83, JD '89, for his work in development of Missouri youth and of international farmers through the Askinosie Chocolate Company.

Eight individuals have been approved by the Board of Curators and will be awarded their degrees when scheduling permits. Three new candidates were presented to Faculty Council in the Fall semester and to the Board at the May meeting. Two new candidates to be forwarded to the Chancellor and Board of Curators were presented to Faculty Council at the June, 2016 meeting.

The HDC forwarded a recommendation to MU Faculty Council to amend CRR220.030 so that campus-specific procedures for vetting and forwarding candidates would be allowed. The HDC also discussed procedures for Faculty Council to recommend rescinding a previously awarded degree from a living person should the individual's conduct be incompatible with the award.

Professor Wendy Sims joined the HDC replacing Professor Gordon Christensen who completed his term. Professor Emerita Kitty Dickerson was appointed in response to HDC's request in 2015 that one Emeritus faculty member be appointed to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Schmidt  
Committee Chair