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- In the event a speaker cannot be obtained from the pool, nothing in this policy shall prevent the University administration from obtaining a commencement speaker from other avenues.
- It is preferred to have a speaker for each ceremony, but not mandated.

### **Honorary Degree Process**

- Honorary degree designations are limited to degrees not given in course as earned degrees by any institution of postsecondary education authorized by the Commonwealth to grant such degrees. No honorary degrees shall be awarded in absentia but, under special circumstances, may be awarded posthumously. The University will grant honorary degrees in the following categories:

*f* Litt.D. - Doctor of Letters (litterarum doctor, honoris causa) - UniDoctor of Letenuesers (ee)10