

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UDC Resolution No. 2016 -16

SUBJECT: Conferral of Honorary Degree upon Sheila C. Johnson, Vice Chairman, Monumental Sports & Entertainment, and President and Managing Partner of the Washington (DC) Mystics of the Women's National Basketball Association

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code §38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees has authority to award degrees and to establish policy with respect to the award of degrees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.2, the President, upon consultation with the Faculty Senate, has recommended that Sheila C. Johnson be awarded an honorary degree for her entrepreneurial skills in helping to establish the Black Entertainment Network (BET) and her pioneering role in business as the first African-American woman with a financial stake in three major sports teams; for her impassioned support of the least served in society, particularly women, through a variety of philanthropic endeavors, including serving as Global Ambassador for CARE, a humanitarian organization that combats global poverty by empowering women, and as a member of Accordia Global Health Foundation's International Council, rallying support for the foundation's efforts to overcome the burden of infectious diseases in Africa; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.3, the Board of Trustees must approve the recommendation of Sheila C. Johnson by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (¾) of the members present at the meeting of the Board following the meeting at which the recommendation was made;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby approves the recommendation of the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, with all the honors, privileges, and duties pertaining thereto.

Approved by the Executive Committee:

March 22, 2016

Ratified by the Board of Trustees:

May 5, 2016



Elaine A. Crider
Chairperson of the Board