

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UDC Resolution 2017- 02

SUBJECT: Conferral of Honorary Degree upon Jim Vance, TV News Anchorman, News 4

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 8B DCMR §315.2, the President, upon consultation with the Faculty Senate, has recommended that Jim Vance be awarded an honorary degree for his significant contributions and accomplishments over 40 years as a journalist and social commentator, blazing a trail for a new generation of minority journalists and providing a visible and positive role model for men of color through his prominence as a major TV network news anchor in the nation's capital; for his fearlessness in news coverage and commentary through a 40-years-plus career that has taken him around the U.S. and beyond, earning him numerous honors, including 17 Emmy Awards, induction into the National Association of Black Journalists' Hall of Fame (2007), the Ted Yates Award for outstanding community service, and selection as a "Washingtonian of the Year;" and for using his voice to champion a variety of causes, including but not limited to education, civil rights, civic responsibilities, and mental health; and

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

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

Submitted by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee:

February 2, 2017

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

February 22, 2017


Elaine A. Crider
Chairperson of the Board