




MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Kimberly Kostelis,
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

FROM: Dr. Robert Wolff, 
Dean, Carol A. Ammon College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

DATE: April 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Posthumous Degree Recommendation for Elizabeth Lees

The Department of Geography, Anthropology, and Tourism has forwarded a recommendation that Elizabeth Lees be granted a posthumous Bachelor of Arts degree. Dr. Evelyn Phillips and her colleagues from the former Department of Anthropology provided the following statement.

Elizabeth “Liz” Lees knew no boundaries when doing anthropology. It was a love of her life. Liz was a “Perryite,” meaning that she held a special affinity for African Diaspora archaeology and was a dedicated student of Dr. Warren Perry. Wherever there was an excavation, Liz was eager to participate in the project, including a Study Abroad trip to Ghana with Dr. Perry and Dr. Charles Mate-Kole.

Although Liz walked at the 2003 Commencement ceremony, she remained three credits shy of completing her degree. Unfortunately, Liz passed away far too soon in 2015. Liz was a shining light in anthropology. Her joy for life and commitment to learning earned her both the recognition of the faculty and the appellation of “Perryite.” We honor her memory with this well-deserved posthumous degree with the support of the Faculty Senate.

I am honored to support this recommendation and ask that it be presented to the Faculty Senate. Please let me know if any additional information is required.


cc: Brian Sommers
Evelyn Phillips



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 2024

TO: Fred Latour, President of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Kimberly T. Kostelis 
Provost and Vice President Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Award B.A. in Anthropology to Elizabeth Lees

I recommend that Ms. Elizabeth Lees be awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology posthumously at or before CCSU's Spring 2024 Commencement.

Ms. Lees passed away in 2015, just 3 credits short of finishing her degree. The recommendation of the Department of Geography, Anthropology, and Tourism and Dean Robert Wolff is attached to this request.