EXTRACTS FROM THE CHARTER AND STATUTES OF GOLDSMITHS' COLLEGE 
CONCERNING HONORARY DEGREES AND FELLOWSHIPS (last update 1 September 2010)

CHARTER (functions of the College) includes:

(8) to confer Honorary Fellowships, Honorary Degrees of the College or of the University, and other academic distinctions;

(9) to revoke Honorary Fellowships, Honorary Degrees and other academic distinctions of the College in such cases as may be appropriate;

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4 Powers of the Council

- which include:

(31) to confer Honorary Fellowships of the College, or Honorary Degrees of the College or of the University of London, on the recommendation of a committee including representatives of both Academic Board and Council, and to revoke any such awards of the College in such cases as may be appropriate.

20 Honorary Degrees and Fellowships

(1) The Council may confer an Honorary Fellowship or Honorary Degree of the College on any person who has rendered exceptional service to the College or attained distinction in business or commerce, the arts, literature, the sciences, other branches of learning, the professions or public life, taking account of any more detailed criteria specified by the College from time to time.

(2) The Council may confer an Honorary Degree of the University of London on any person who meets the criteria specified by University for such a Degree.

(3) The Council may revoke Honorary Fellowships or Honorary Degrees of the College in such cases as may be appropriate.

Use of Goldsmiths' own degree awarding powers

It is to be noted from the above that since 2010-11 Goldsmiths has had its own degree-awarding powers, which includes honorary degrees.

When Goldsmiths' Council considered the use of the new powers on 25 March 2010, it was resolved to use them for the time being only in collaborative provision, and otherwise to continue to award University of London degrees. (Minute 48 and paper 10-99 refer). However the changes to the Statutes proposed to the Privy Council (above) were made to include the possibility of Honorary Degrees of the College (and incorporation of criteria for them at Statute 20), in order to keep future options open.

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