

TO: Joseph P. Giusti, Chancellor  
FROM: James Haw, Chair  
Educational Policy Committee  
DATE: October 6, 1982  
SUBJ: Honors Convocation

In response to your request for advice on matters pertaining to the honors convocation, the Educational Policy Committee recommends the following:

1. All students who meet the criteria for the dean's, vice chancellor's, and chancellor's lists should be invited to a single ceremony to be held during the fall semester of each year. The committee believes it fosters good community relations to invite all who have achieved these grades and meet the other criteria. The event draws a large number of parents, spouses, friends, and other relatives of students being honored who, by attending, become more aware of this campus and what we have to offer.
2. This convocation should be entitled the "Chancellor's Convocation to Honor Academic Achievement." This would help distinguish it from other honors such as graduating "with honors," "senior honors," etc.
3. Faculty honors awards should be limited to campus-wide awards, i.e., not specific to any school or department, at the Chancellor's Convocation.
4. Academic units should be asked to establish events at which the achievement of faculty and graduating students in those units would be recognized each spring. This would encourage student loyalty to the unit, provide a heightened sense of identity among alumni, and involve more faculty in these types of ceremonies.

Finally, an investigation into the costs of the awards given and paid for by various campus units does not reveal any wide disparities, and no action is recommended.

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cc: W. Frederick, Senate Agenda Committee