

Faculty Council Minutes
April 23, 2008

Present: Brown, Carusi (recorder-in-turn), Danford, Kipp, Miller (chair), Scott, Sibicky, Sullivan

1. Minutes approved from meeting of 4/16/08.
2. Provost Kipp reported that the new online evaluations will be tested this summer in online classes and face to face classes.
4. President Scott announced that the Board of Trustees tabled the recent honorary degree nomination. President Scott provided a list of past recipients, the justification for their honors, and categories by which future honorees might be considered. (See Appendix)
5. Miller provided a list of commencement awards. He suggested that, in an effort to shorten commencement, we have the award recipients stand for recognition instead of coming to the stage. The council agreed to the change. Miller suggested we suspend the DU citizenship award since we do not currently have a DU chapter at MC. Miller said he would check with Vickers about the ramifications of suspending the award. Miller also suggested we reduce the Jewett speaker to only the one winner speaking at commencement. Carusi noted that the Jewett is one of the oldest traditions at Marietta College dating back to the first commencement. Carusi also noted that a resolution to reduce of Jewett speakers was proposed to council two years ago and did not pass. However, at the time, it was agreed that the Jewett speakers would speak for seven minutes instead of ten and, if only one speaker was deemed worthy, only one speaker would speak at graduation. Council members discussed the benefit of reducing the length of graduation. Carusi suggested that cutting a seven minute student speech might not be the best place to cut commencement. Miller will be asking student senate's thoughts on cutting down to one Jewett speaker at commencement. Other suggestions included reducing time for choir transitions, reducing the number of alumni addresses, and hooding at the morning graduate ceremony. Faculty agreed that having the students, faculty, then platform members enter graduation, would be an appropriate procession. President Scott suggested we ring the bells after graduation, during the outdoor reception.
6. Provost Kipp reported on feedback from the online chair evaluations. Sibicky noted that one question might be double barreled.
7. Carusi announced that there is a concern that transfer students are not getting classes they need. S. Walker and others are working on the problem.
8. Meeting adjourned.

APPENDIX

Possible Categories of Honorary Degree Recipients

1. Persons who are nationally or internationally distinguished, who represent values espoused by Marietta College and whose recognition brings honor to Marietta College—examples: John Lewis, Chinese Ambassador Li
2. Humanitarians or individuals who are outstanding role models for all of us of lives well lived. These people may or may not be famous.
3. Distinguished alumni whose achievements bring honor to themselves and the College—Dick Krause, Story Musgrave
4. Alumni distinguished in scholarly pursuits or in the field of higher education—Georgia Lesh-Laurie, David Rosenbloom
5. Significant donors, alumni or other, whose loyalty and commitment to Marietta College have made a real difference in the lives of our students—Rob Dyson, Laura Baudo, Dave Rickey, Eric Dobkin
6. Individuals who have given truly distinguished service to Marietta College—Tim Cooper
7. Non-alumni scholars or others in the field of education who have distinguished themselves nationally and internationally, opening new scholarly directions or changing the nature of their fields or whose work illuminates one of the areas of focus of the College for a specific year—Jonathan Kozol

Question: How do these criteria relate to invitations to speak?