

Academic Awards Committee Minutes  
Thursday, October 30, 2008 12:30 pm  
Mertz Conference Room, DACC 107

Members present: Steven Granich, Erin Kennedy, Kate Rounsley, Jerry Updegraff.

Out the outset, Jerry discussed his conversations with Steve Marvel regarding integrating the Academic Awards Ceremony in with the Celebration of Scholarship activities on April 15, 2009. Doing so would keep the overall costs for the event down and would serve to further highlight the excellent work being accomplished by the students.

It was suggested that the Academic Awards Ceremony be held in conjunction with a semi-informal breakfast in the main ballroom of DACC. As April 15 is a Wednesday, it is unlikely that parents would be invited to the event. However, students would be encouraged to invite a faculty or staff mentor to accompany them.

Holding the ceremony during breakfast time would also increase attendance at the Celebration of Scholarship keynote address. However, Erin expressed concern that students and faculty would be unwilling to arrive on campus so early (8:00 or 8:30) on such a full day. Jerry will discuss with Steve Marvel the possibility of pushing the keynote address back by a half hour.

If the ceremony is held in this way, preparation work for the day will be limited. The next meeting will be scheduled after Jerry has finalized this arrangement with Steve Marvel.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Kennedy, Chair