

MEMO

Honors Convocation Committee 2023-2024

To: Salisbury University Faculty Senate
From: Zachary Townsend (HCC Chair)
CC: Senate Committee Members
Date: May 14, 2024
Re: Honors Convocation Committee End of Year Report

The 2023-2024 academic year marked the second year of a two-year trial period where the university-wide Honors Convocation ceremony was temporarily discontinued. The Faculty Senate motion specified the Honors Convocation booklet shall be renamed “Awards and Recognition” and continue to be produced; however, standards for inclusion in the booklet were suspended for this trial period (2022-2023 and 2023-2024).

Committee priorities for this academic year included requesting feedback from the campus community and formulating recommendations for future Honors Convocation plans. The Committee requested feedback from the President, Provost, Deans, and students (including Student Government Association). The feedback received was mixed overall - with some Schools/Programs hosting recognition events (dinners, luncheons, receptions, ceremonies, etc.), while others did not. Some challenges reported included space limitations, budget limitations, timing considerations, and overall effort required in the planning/coordination of recognition events. The Committee will reconvene in early Fall 2024 and propose a formal recommendation to Faculty Senate regarding future Honors Convocation plans.

Committee Members	Term (At-Large)
Moushumi Chakraborty	2023-2026
Robert Luttrell	2023-2026
Zachary Townsend (Chair)	2022-2025
Amanda Willey	2022-2025
Xuan Chen	2021-2024

Designated Senator: David Keifer