

Middle Georgia State College
Student Honors, Awards, & Graduation Standing Committee

Renee Pearman suggested splitting the ceremonies: one each for Academic Awards and Student Life Awards, respectively. Dr. Williams agreed that this might help since often it is the same students honored for both types of awards. This item awaits feedback from President Blake. Ms. Brannon suggested awards be decided as 1 per department. Ms. Pearman shared list of awards from previous years with the committee.

Academic Recognition Day Scholar: Ms. Brannon indicated that this award is initiated by the Regents and needs to be looked into; Dr. Trayers will check on whether this has been completed.

Ms. Pearman suggested that due to low student attendance, in the past, it might be best not to include the Who's Who nominated at the Honors Day ceremony. These nominations are due to Ms. Pearman by end of February 2014. Drs. Trayers and Williams suggested that it might be most efficient to have departmental chairs disseminate to their faculty candidate criteria for nominations to the Who's Who.

B. Presidential Scholar – Ms. Brannon indicated that the Presidential Scholar needs to be nominated. Dr. Trayers suggested a sub-committee would better serve this purpose – Ms. Pearman, Ms. Ingle, Dr. Phipps, and Dr. Williams agreed to be on this sub-committee.

C. Commencement – Ms. Brannon shared that Dr. Black had already invited Ms. Wheelan to be the speaker at the Commencement ceremony (ies). She also shared that based on attendance numbers and traffic survey from AY 2013 that in order to prevent traffic bottleneck, it has been suggested that there be two halves to the commencement ceremony, split by schools, i.e. Morning: Aviation, Business, It, and Social Sciences; Afternoon: Education, GAMES program, Health Sciences, Liberal Arts, and Sciences. Luncheon will be provided between these two halves.

Ms. Brannon will check with President Blake about faculty attendance – whole day or partial day.

Ms. Brannon also shared that President Blake has suggested a Spring and a December ceremony. Ms. Brannon is checking with the Registrars Office regarding graduation numbers.

Also Ms. Brannon asked about using the MGSC Band instead of the Organ – this was met with unanimous approval; Dr. Trayers

