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TITLE: Trial Changes to the University Honors Convocation

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: Jennifer Martin

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION:

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MOTION (this section alone will be recorded in the minutes):

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate approve the following:

- The university-wide Honors Convocation ceremony shall be temporarily discontinued for a 2-year trial period for academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.
- The Honors Convocation booklet shall be renamed Awards and Recognition and shall continue to be produced during the trial period. The current standards for inclusion in the booklet shall be suspended for this trial period.
- Individual departments, schools, or academic units shall be encouraged, but not required, to host events during the Spring semester to recognize their award and scholarship recipients.
- No specific type of event shall be mandated so that each department, school, or academic unit can design an event that works best for their group.
- At the end of academic year 2023-2024, the Honors Convocation Committee shall collect feedback from the campus community. In Fall 2024, the committee shall make final recommendations for future plans regarding the Honors Convocation. The final recommendations shall include proposed changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws for the Honors Convocation Committee, if needed.

JUSTIFICATION:

Based on observations since placing Honors Convocation on hold during COVID, the University is considering changes to best recognize our students' academic achievements and success. In an effort to honor our top students in a manner that is more meaningful than the traditional Honors Convocation ceremony, the Honors Convocation Committee has proposed these changes.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT:

Negative: It is possible that some students who would have been honored at the Honors Convocation will no longer be honored at any ceremony.

Positive: Individual events provide an opportunity for more students to be recognized and to be