4.7 Commencement Speaker Selection Process

Approved January 22, 2014, Provost's Council of Deans
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Commencement Speaker Advisory Committee: Charge
- Provides analysis of proposals based on criteria (listed below).
- Makes recommendations to the President for both ceremonies.
- Makes recommendations about honorary degrees.

Commencement Speaker Advisory Committee: Membership
- Provost
- Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies
- Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academics
- Vice Provost for Student Life (or designee)
- Vice Provost for Enrollment and Communications (or designee)
- Vice President for Development
- Director of Scheduling and Special Events
- Vice-Chair, Academic Senate
- Two TUG students
- Two GPS students

Timeline
- August 1: Deadline for nomination proposals.
- September 1-15: Meetings to discuss nominations and make recommendations (four hours maximum)
- September 15: Recommendations delivered to president

Criteria
- Evidence of ability to deliver compelling and inspiring public speeches
- Potential to enhance the College’s reputation
- Potential for continued relationship with the College (e.g., philanthropy, partnerships, scholarly activity)
- Direct connection to the College preferred (as alum, volunteer, parent, etc.)

Additional Criteria for Honorary Doctorate
- Significant professional accomplishments aligned with the mission of the College.
- Significant professional accomplishments aligned with strategic directions of the College.