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LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE

TITLE: The Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium and Honors Convocation

SUBMITTED BY: Faculty Affairs Committee

DATE: September 12, 2003

References: None

Action Requested: Consultative

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of the University of Dayton supports the establishment of an annual Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium and Honors Convocation as described in the proposal set forth below.

Proposal:

To recognize and celebrate the outstanding, distinctive academic achievements of its students and faculty, the University of Dayton will organize its Winter Term calendar with a day in mid-week free of scheduled course meetings to provide the space and opportunity for a day-long series of presentations and performances of selected academic work. Every unit of the university will be invited to participate, and participation will take various forms. Students and faculty in the natural sciences, for example, may wish to organize and host a poster session, while their colleagues in the social sciences may wish to organize and host a series of conference-style panel sessions. Students and faculty in engineering, business administration, education and allied professions, and law, may choose formats appropriate to their disciplines and professions. The proceedings might also include a number of featured guest speakers from outside the university, and in this way, dovetail with the Distinguished Speakers Series, as well as incorporate the annual traditions of the Scholars and Stander Symposia. It is proposed that such a day of recognition, celebration, and continued learning be named the annual *Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium and Honors Convocation*.

Rationale:

The establishment of an annual Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium and Honors Convocation will: a) strengthen the academic community by creating a space for the public sharing of collaborative, connected learning and scholarships among students and faculty; b) display in high profile, both internally and externally, the strength of the university's distinctive attention to student and faculty research, visual arts, and creative performance; c) strategically incorporate the existing tradition of the Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium and the University Scholars Symposium, among others, in a form that would enhance their role as catalysts for realizing the university-wide vision of becoming a national leader in Catholic higher education; d) mesh with the new University Honors and John W. Berry, Sr. Scholars Programs which, in part, signals expansion of supported and mentored research opportunities for University of Dayton undergraduates; and e) provide the University of Dayton with a means to highlight - for donors, prospective students and their families, and others interested in the University - the strength and the success of the University of Dayton's core academic mission.

Requirements:

Required to establish an annual Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium and Honors Convocation is, first and foremost, the commitment of the university's academic leadership and faculty in each unit. Successful Stander Symposia and Honors Convocations will also require, however, a source of budgeted annual funding, a date in the academic calendar, and a governance structure to oversee the budget and annual planning and to establish and maintain academic standards. We propose that the Provost be responsible for coordinating these resources and establishing a governance committee with representation from the Office of the Dean in each unit, the Graduate School, the University Honors Program (which includes the administration of the Bro. Joseph W. Stander Symposium), and other critical academic sectors of the

university as determined by the Provost.

Time Table:

As the University of Dayton has already established its academic calendar for 2003-04, we propose the inauguration of the Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium and Honors Convocation in the Winter Term 2004-2005.