
THURSDAY FORUM

The Convocation Taskforce moves the creation of Thursday Forum as described below.

Convocations

The President's annual address would open the Convocation series each academic year. The designation "Convocation" would be limited to approximately six events per semester managed by a faculty committee and administered by the Dean's Office in accord with the following criteria:

- Presentations of outstanding intellectual or cultural interest
- Appealing and accessible to a wide spectrum of the Grinnell community
- To be given highest priority in official scheduling by the College
- Widely publicized

Other Thursday Forum events

On dates other than those of Convocations, there would be open scheduling and official listing limited to events that foster a sense of intellectual and cultural community. For example (Some of these types of events might also qualify as Convocations):

- Symposium presentations
- Roberts lectures
- Alumni scholars
- Faculty scholarly presentations
- MAP presentations
- Honors assembly (annual presentation of meritorious student work)
- Arts performances and events with associated presentations or discussions
- Films or multimedia presentations with discussions
- Discussion forums: roundtables, panels

Thursday Forum proscriptions

As is currently the case when Convocations are held, there would be no scheduling of obligatory meetings and events that would conflict with freedom to attend Thursday Forum events. Examples of proscribed events:

- Class sessions
- Department meetings
- Committee meetings
- Faculty meetings
- Division meetings
- Student organization or club gatherings
- Faculty candidate presentations
- Performing arts rehearsals
- Athletic team practices