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SUBJECT: Report on the Committee's Activities

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As usual, the year began with the Faculty Fall Conference, which we had organized. Surveys following this event indicated that most participants were pleased with the general format, though some suggested small tweaks in registration and logistics, which we have taken into consideration for the coming year. The 2010 Fall Conference will take place on Tuesday August 31st, and we have a good slate of presentations in the works. **Registration for the Fall Conference will once again be on line, so we urge CC faculty and staff to be on the lookout for messages pertaining to this event.**

This committee oversees two endowed lecture funds, the Jovanovich and the Lloyd. This year's Jovanovich event was a panel of four former governors (three of Colorado and one of Ohio). The Lloyd lecture fund made several events possible: a reading and informal conversation session with US Poet Laureate Kay Ryan, and two concerts celebrating the music of renowned composer Robert Moran. Next year the Lloyd will make possible visits from two writers, Ellen Bryant Voigt and Nicholas Delbanco, plus a planned performance of *Vedem*, an oratorio by composer Lori Laitman.

The committee also makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees concerning honorary degrees. At this spring's commencement degrees will be conferred upon the commencement speaker, Wade Davis, Explorer-in-Residence for *National Geographic*, as well as Donald Gregg, a former Ambassador to Korea, and Eugenie Scott, scientist and educator.

Alumni honorary degrees will be awarded at Fall Convocation to Vince Bzdek, Ryan Haygood and Diane Rayor.