

To: Professor Kevin Crotty, Chair  
and Members of the Scholars Reinvention Committee  
From: June Aprille, Provost  
Date: July 26, 2010

Re: **Provost's response to Final Committee Report and Recommendation to create the John Elrod Society (JES)**

The purpose of this memo is to offer an initial response to the committee report that can be posted to the Provost's website along with the report itself.

First, please accept my sincere thanks for all the work that went into the thoughtful report that you produced—and done on time, no less!!

The recommendations are fairly straightforward and I will offer just a few brief comments:

- The name you chose is terrific, and wonderfully consistent with the purpose.
- The proposed organization and program activities seem very workable.
- Dedicated space for the JES is unlikely in the near future, and in any case it might make sense to get the program started first and see what kind of space is needed once the Society takes on a life of its own.
- The faculty will have to discuss the Gateway Course carefully in terms of staffing issues, and to make sure it is not a hurdle for student participation in JES.
- A Faculty Advisor that the report recommends is of course a must; however admin support probably can be handled by the Provost's Office, rather than hiring a dedicated staff person. Again, ongoing experience will inform this need.

The next step in this process will be to put the report before the undergraduate faculty this fall for consideration and a vote on adoption in whole or in part and with possible amendments.

Thank you all again for a job well-done.