Charge to the Convocation Action Team  
January 5, 2017

At the outset of this academic year, President Poskanzer charged CEDI with considering how Convo might be leveraged to ensure a diversity of viewpoints as well as how it could engage the community in those ideas. Your charge (see below) thus isn't really to "assess" Convo (though you will probably need to think through its historical intentions and aspirations) but rather to recalculate what it is/can be/should be in order to ensure that it convenes us into a community that dialogues.

Your Team:

Jay Beck, Associate Professor of Cinema and Media Studies--Committee Chair  
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Charge:

Reflecting on past assessments of convocation, consider whether it fulfills its original intentions and our current needs for creating community dialogue among students, faculty, and staff. Assess the full community’s current satisfaction with convo. What are the possibilities for what convo could do, given the resource allocation available? Given the lack of effective public discourse on campus, how can convo play a role in promoting communal and civic discourse?

Time frame:
- Date of written preliminary report to CEDI Leadership Board: Friday, March 3, 2017  
- Date of final written report to CEDI Leadership Board: Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Status reports:
- The CEDI member on the Action Team will report on the status of the action team’s work at CEDI Leadership Board meetings throughout winter and spring terms in 2017