

Commencement Committee Minutes Spring 2021 Meeting

Meeting via ZOOM on Friday, April 9 at 9:30am

Attendees: Sulaiman Anwar, Michael Bowie, Florida Bridgewater Alford, Angela Cardenas, Mary Kay Carodine, Tim Garrett, Bruce Goldberger, Kip Jedlicka,Carolynn Komanski, Gillian Lord, Steph McBride, Zhonglin Mou, Steve Pritz, Lynda Reinhart, Jaclyn Wright, Shane Van Deree, Hans van Oostrom

Unable to Attend: Sylvain Dore, Angela Lindner, Reagan Pomp

START MEETING: 9:34am

2021 Commencements (April 29-May 3)

- Schedule and plan overview (see attachment for full schedule of 14 ceremonies)
- Doctoral- mentors/dissertation chairs have special seating, but are not escorting; hooded by president & chief marshal; approx. 250 grads; 4 tickets (2 pairs) each
- Master/Bachelor- approx. 550 grads per ceremony; 2 tickets per ceremony in pairs each
- “Watch Parties” in the stadium- live streaming in the stadium so additional family members can be on campus to watch the ceremonies and engage with their graduate before/after

2020 Make-Up ceremonies (May 6-9)

- Schedule and plan overview (see attachment for full schedule of 11 ceremonies)
- Doctoral- mentors/dissertation chairs have special seating, but are not escorting; hooded by president & chief marshal; approx. 250 grads; 4 tickets (2 pairs) each
- Master/Bachelor- approx. 300 grads; 4 tickets (2 pairs) each

2021 Summer Commencements (August 6 & 7)

- Schedule, predicted to return to normal capacity
- 3 ceremonies, no ticket restrictions (see attachment for full schedule)

2021 Fall Commencements (December 17 & 18)

- Schedule, predicted to be at normal capacity
- 4 ceremonies, no ticket restrictions (see attachment for full schedule)

OTHER DISCUSSIONS

- Ceremonies are all closed captioned, both in the venue and for the at-home live stream
- For spring and make-up ceremonies, there will be a call-out for help from faculty and staff around the campus to ensure we have enough help to run this many ceremonies in this short period of time, as that is a matter of concern.
- Expecting to have a higher percentage of WOOTs in summer '21 and fall '21 because there will be grads and families of spring '21 and 2020 impacted by COVID in such a way that participation in their ceremonies will not be possible.

ADJOURN MEETING: 10:32am