

## Spring 2022 Commencement Committee Meeting Notes

March 18 at 10am via ZOOM

**Attendees:** van Oostrom (chair), Bretan, Bowie, Bridgewater Alford, Byrd, Carodine, Goldberger, Green, Lee, Lord, Pritz, Reinhart, Trejos, Watson, McBride

**Not Present:** Bloom, Hathorn, Kwan, Lindner, Wilkerson,

**Call to order: 10:04am**

### SCHEDULE ITEMS:

#### **ITEM #1: Review of plan for 2022 Spring Commencements (April 28-May 1)**

- 1 doctoral ceremony; 1 University Wide Ceremony; each college has a recognition ceremony
  - Reviewed full schedule: <https://commencement.ufl.edu/spring/event-schedule/>
  - There are not specific changes in place for COVID, and likely masking will be lifted as a CDC recommendation by then (barring changes with new variants).
- No further questions or discussions regarding this line item.

#### **ITEM #2: Review Summer Schedule Committee Voted on at Last Meeting (August 5 & 6)**

- 1 doctoral ceremony; 2 master/bachelor/specialist ceremonies
  - Reviewed full schedule: <https://commencement.ufl.edu/summer/commencement-schedule/>
- No further questions or discussions regarding this line item.

#### **ITEM #3: Proposed 2022 Fall Ceremony Schedule (December 16 & 17)**

Friday, December 16 at 2pm in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center

Doctoral Ceremony

- All colleges except Dentistry, which doesn't have grads this semester
- Fall 2021 Registered: 247

Friday, December 16 at 7pm in the O'Connell Center, Bachelor/Master Ceremony #1

- HHP            Fall '21 registration: 147
- J & C         Fall '21 registration: 202
- NURS         Fall '21 registration: 4
- PPHP         Fall '21 registration: 15
- VET           Fall '21 registration: 8
- WCB         Fall '21 registration: 530

TOTAL REGISTRATION NUMBER: 906

Saturday, December 17 at 10am in the O'Connell Center, Bachelor/Master/Specialist Ceremony #2

- ARTS Fall '21 registration: 62
  - DCP Fall '21 registration: 90
  - EDU Fall '21 registration: 112
  - CLAS Fall '21 registration: 611
  - MED Fall '21 registration: 10
  - PHARM Fall '21 registration: 28
- TOTAL REGISTRATION NUMBER: 913

Saturday, December 17 at 3pm in the O'Connell Center, Bachelor/Master Ceremony #3

- CALS Fall '21 registration: 320
  - HW ENG Fall '21 registration: 586
- TOTAL REGISTRATION NUMBER: 906

Note:

Attendance numbers were lower than registration numbers, but numbers arrived per college is unknown since colleges are mixed. If we plan for registration numbers then we know we'll have enough seats.

- Discussion:
  - Should review anticipated graduation numbers for 2023 and beyond to anticipate the potential of adding a 4<sup>th</sup> ceremony in future years.
  - Motion made and carried to pass this proposed 2022 fall schedule as-is.
  - ACTION ITEM: Steph McBride will now present this schedule to the president for final approval

#### **OTHER ITEMS:**

##### **Update about Walk Out of Terms (WOOT)**

WOOT Policy and how it's being implemented.

Policy: <https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs//8///Policies//WOOT%20Policy%20Approved%20.pdf>

Form: <https://commencement.ufl.edu/summer/media/commencementufl.edu/resources/WALK-OUT-OF-TERM-FORM-2021.pdf>

- We're following the policy but continue to be extremely lenient with those affected by COVID, either directly with the illness or indirectly by travel restrictions or VISA delays
  - Motion made and carried to change the following language:  
*\*This does not apply to graduates affected by the coronavirus pandemic of 2020-2021 by removing "of 2020-2021.*
  - ACTION ITEM: Steph will update the policy document and provide the new language to the Provost for approval, then have reposted on the committee page.

##### **Volunteering at Commencement**

Reminder: Anyone on the committee is invited to serve at commencement as a volunteer. Contact Steph McBride at [stephmcbride@aa.ufl.edu](mailto:stephmcbride@aa.ufl.edu) if interested.

**Adjourn: 10:35am**