

Commencement Committee Meeting Spring 2023- NOTES

March 31, 2023 at 3:00pm

ZOOM LINK: <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/91898263380?pwd=SWJLYXowdUpvaTgwNIE1TVBQUTB0Zz09>

Call to Order: 3:02pm

**COMMITTEE ATTENDEES:** van Oostrom (chair); Bridgewater-Alford; Byrd; Carodine; Goldberger; Kroger; Lee; Lindner; Lord; Watkins; Wright; McBride (secretary)

**GUEST ATTENDEES:** Ahlgren; Cynkar; Sumner; Sutton

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Bronson; Fineberg; Foster; Gibson; Kolb; Phalin; Reinhart; Wilkerson

- I. Updates concerning commencement
  - Apprentices for each of the Head Marshals: J. Ahlgren (shadowing van Oostrom); M. Sumner (shadowing Lord); L. Sutton (shadowing Goldberger)
  - Steph McBride resigning from commencement position as of May 12

- II. Overview of spring ceremony plans
  - A. See separate attachment for full schedule or view here: <https://commencement.ufl.edu/spring/>
  - B. Major uptick in walk out-of-terms this semester

Discussion points:

- Staffing needs have shifted due to the removal of the processional
- New: adding metal detectors for graduates confirmed, for audience TBD; final decision will come out of a security meeting on April 17.
- How will the information about metal detectors be conveyed? Further discussions to be had with the Strategic Communications Dept.

- III. Review of approved Summer 2023 schedule

**Friday, August 11 at 2pm**

Doctoral Ceremony (all colleges except Law & Dentistry)

Expecting 325 candidates

**Friday, August 11 at 7pm**

Bachelor/Master/Specialist ART, DCP, EDU, HHP, HW ENG, CJC, MED, NURS, PHARM, PHHP & VET

Expecting 866 candidates

**Saturday, August 12 at 10am**

Bachelor/Master CALS, CLAS, WCB

Expecting 866 candidates

More info online <https://commencement.ufl.edu/summer/>

IV. Fall planning

A. Overview of Fall 2022

CEREMONY	REGISTRATION	ATTENDANCE
DOC	242	246
BMS 1	960	938
BMS 2	966	919
BMS 3	944	938

- B. Proposed Fall 2023 schedule, approved unanimously by the committee, for approval by appropriate administrator:

**Proposed Fall 2023 Schedule**

All ceremonies to take place in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center.

Note: numbers reflect registration numbers from Fall 2022

**Doctoral Ceremony**

Friday, December 15 at 2pm

- All colleges except Dentistry, all doctoral degrees 245

**Bachelor/Master Ceremony #1**

Friday, December 15 at 7pm

- H.W. College of Engineering 620
- Medicine 28
- Nursing 2
- Public Health & Health Professions 20
- Veterinary Medicine 9
- 679**

**Bachelor/Master Ceremony #2**

Saturday, December 16 at 9am

- Journalism and Communications 236
- Warrington College of Business 521
- 757**

**Bachelor/Master/Specialist Ceremony #3**

Saturday, December 16 at 2pm

- Education 120
- Liberal Arts and Sciences 628
- 748**

**Bachelor/Master Ceremony #4**

Saturday, December 16 at 7pm



Approved, pending the president's approval.

Adjourn: 3:37pm

UPDATE: President has approved.