

## Commencement Committee Agenda Fall 2022 Meeting

Meeting via ZOOM on October 28 at 2pm

ZOOM LINK: <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/95193220268?pwd=VzBCcjFWTmRQZWZhUTFWaFR0M0t0Q0t09>

### ITEM #1: Review of plan for 2022 Fall Commencements (December 16 & 17)

- 1 doctoral ceremony; 3 Bachelor/Master/Specialist ceremonies
- Full schedule can be found here: <https://commencement.ufl.edu/fall/event-schedule/>
- Currently, there are not specific changes in place for COVID. This could change as the semester continues, depending on CDC recommendations, as well as state protocols.
- New this semester: special gift for those who attend and stay through ceremony

### ITEM #2: Approved plan for 2023 Spring Commencements (May 3-May 8)

- Schedule and plan overview (see attachment for full schedule for University and colleges)
- This can also be found here: <https://commencement.ufl.edu/spring/event-schedule/>

### ITEM #3: Proposed 2023 Summer Ceremony Schedule (August 11 & 12)

#### Background

- Final registrations for Summer 2022: Doc: 323; Master/Bachelor 1,732

NOTE: Fire code dictates there be no more than 1100 persons on the floor with the current setup; this includes the stage party, faculty marshals, photographers, graduates, etc.

#### Feedback from summer 2022 ceremonies

##### Positive

- Overall grads and guests generally found the ceremonies to be smooth, appropriate; they were pleased with their experience.
- Also, overall grads and guests, regardless of degree level, liked the speaker
- Communication was good
- Candidates' names & faces on the stage and Jumbotron is significant

##### Negative

- It was hot and it took too long to get inside
- Parking and traffic were a nightmare (this was especially true this time around because construction on campus was more difficult to navigate than normal and overflow parking was harder to access)
- 2 hours is too long for a ceremony

Proposal for Summer 2023

Friday, August 11 at 2pm in the Stephen C. O’Connell Center

Doctoral Ceremony: PhD, EdD, AuD, OTD, DAT, DPT, DNP, DBA, PharmD, DAT, DMA

- All colleges, except Law & Dentistry (325)

Friday, August 11 at 7pm in the Stephen C. O’Connell Center

Bachelor/Master Ceremony #1

- Art ( 32)
  - Design, Construction & Planning ( 37)
  - Education (100)
  - Health & Human Performance (163)
  - H.W. College of Engineering (104)
  - Journalism & Communications (183)
  - Medicine ( 31)
  - Nursing (158)
  - Pharmacy ( 30)
  - Public Health & Health Professions ( 19)
  - Veterinary Medicine ( 9)
- 866

Saturday, August 12 at 10am in the Stephen C. O’Connell Center

Bachelor/Master Ceremony #2

- Agricultural & Life Sciences (237)
  - Liberal Arts & Sciences (345)
  - Warrington College of Business (284)
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UPDATES FOR THE COMMITTEE:

Provost approved minor updates to the WOOT protocol, which removed the “of 2020-2021” from the two spots that identified the COVID pandemic. This would keep the protocol modern and accurate without changing the intention behind the statement.