UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE (UCC)
Minutes
Wednesday, Sep. 27, 2006, 320 Brigham, 8:05 a.m.

A. Personnel
Attending – Esther Ofulue, Tony Thomas, Clem Jeske, Cory Enright, Bernie Bernhardt, Barb Barnet, Susan Hilal, Dave Langkamp, Colleen Garrity, Ambrish Vashista, Johanna Belken, Dave Markee, Barb Daus, Dan Fairchild, Deb Lundell, Dianne Hanten, Joyce Burkholder, Bala

Bala was elected Chair and Tony Thomas was elected Vice-Chair – both received unanimous support.

B. Commencement Speaker
Dr. Cora Marrett, current UW System Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs will speak; academic background: degree from Virginia Union University (1963) and M.A. (1965) and Ph.D. (1968) degrees from UW-Madison, all in sociology

C. Senior Valedictory Speaker
All interviews will be on 11/6/06, 6pm to 9pm in Platteville East, PSC.
Interview committee will include Ambrish, Bala, & Tony) and four students senators (to be named).

D. Student Ushers
Barb Daus will forward request for services to UWP Student Ambassadors.

E. Procession
Esther Ofulue and Clem Jeske will lead the students.

F. Commencement Marshall
Ed Deneen will be asked to serve in this role.

G. Volunteers to line up the students by college
BILSA  1. Esther Ofulue             2. Richard Bockhop
EMS    1. Anthony Thomas           2. Barbara Barnet
LAE    1. Dale Bernhardt          2. Cory Enright
Jan and Debbie will line up the graduate students.

H. Banners
Bernie will hand the banners to the student banner carriers. Banners will be placed on the stage.

I. Commencement Program, Proofreading, etc
All proofing must be completed by Nov 22 (day before Thanksgiving break).

J. Details
   A. Flowers (Joyce Burkholder will be in contact with Erschens)
   B. TV Hookup and Sound - overflow seating is proposed for Center for the Arts
   C. Music - Symphony Band, Matt Gregg, Conductor
   D. Student Song Leader – awaiting confirmation
   E. Pictures and Plaques – Chappell Studios, flag will be in-line with speaker to prevent viewing problems. Plaques will be presented as memento/thank you to speakers
E. EMT – arranged by Registrar’s Office

F. Other

No tickets necessary
Additional handicap parking will be designated; lot will NOT be closed for VIP parking.

K. Countdown to Commencement (Senior Salute) Reception Table—Wednesday, October 25, 2006, between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m., in the University Rooms located in the Pioneer Student Center.

2:50 - 4:00  1. Anthony Thomas   2. Bala
4:00 - 5:00  1. Susan Hilal     2. Esther Ofulue
5:00 - 6:00  1. Dale Bernhardt    2. Mohan Gill

L. Old Business

A. Change in wording in the Faculty Handbook to reflect current attendance policies
   Bala will follow-up with faculty by-laws committee

B. Update on the construction of a ramp for use at commencement
   Drop this from the agenda
   We will continue to come from the stage to grant degrees to those who
   cannot come onto the stage

C. Comments or concerns about the ceremonies last spring to improve this year
   Need signs for overflow – and Ambassador to direct people to overflow.

D. Noise / Disturbance from audience at the Ceremony
   Note will be included in letter to graduates and in commencement
   program. Additionally, Chancellor’s script will be altered to ask for appropriate
   (rather than over-exuberant) celebrations

VI New Business

A. Next Meeting: Wed., Nov. 29, 2006, 8:05 a.m. Brig. 320

B. Grad. Students…Valedictory Speaker Nomination. Perhaps for spring

C. Other…Dr. Kris Wright, 2006 Underkofler recipient, will be on stage in Dec 06.

VII. Graduates as of 9/27/2006: EMS = 91, BiLSA = 116, LAE = 115, Grad = 37

VIII. Memo has been sent to all the colleges requesting the Deans to poll faculty regarding the
attendance at the commencement ceremonies.

IX. E-mail has been sent to the Colton James, President, Student Senate requesting 4 senators to
serve on this committee, no response to date. Barb Daus will contact Mick Viney to follow-up
on this.