UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE (UCC)
Minutes of Meeting, Wed., Nov. 29, 2006, 8:00 a.m. Brig. 320

I. Personnel Introductions
B. Recognize all volunteers - CtoC – Thomas, Hilal, Bernhardt, Gill, Bala
C. Speaker – Dr. Cora Marrett, UW-System Senior VP for Academic Affairs
D. Student Ushers – Barb Daus
E. Procession- Faculty leaders: Clem Jeske, and Esther Ofulue will lead.

Commencement Marshal: Mr. Ed Deneen.

F. Volunteers to line up students by college:
   BILSA: Richard Bockhop and Esther Ofulue
   EMS: A. Thomas & B. Barnet
   LAE: Dale Bernhardt and C. Enright
   GRAD. SCH.: Jan and Deb, Registrar’s Office.
   G. Banner Carriers: EMS-Tony Gregerson, BILSA-Sarah Joan Brue, LAE-Tom Pitcher, Sarah Wagner, Scott Woodley, Patricia Zentner
H. Visitors – David Nevins (Thank You Cards), Student – (Accessibility for Students with Disabilities), Russ Braby & Students (Fraternity/Sorority/Honor Sash/Stole).

II. Programs

III. Details
A. Flowers – P.O. prepared & sent. (Erschen’s Florist: 348-3433). Set-up by 10:30 a.m.
B. Stage directions
C. TV and sound – Contacted Colleen Garrity-1628 for TV (Channel 5). James Ball-1895 & Todd Duwe-1230.
D. Overflow Seating will be in Doudna 103
E. Music: Symphony Band, Matt Gregg, Conductor. Student Song Leader: Melissa Hanhart
F. Pictures– Contacted Chappell Studios. Steve Higdon (800-247-3435, X 269) handles UW-P account. Our current contract expires in 2006. Two photographers (Willie Blackmore & Joshua Timm) will arrive by 12 noon on that day.
G. Plaques – Joyce will get order forms from Chappell Studios and will order these.
H. EMS crew (348-9741 X 271): – Arranged by Deb Lundell.
I. Reserved track area of field house for line-up of students (12 – 2 p.m.), Room (# B 52 usually) for faculty coats, etc., and Athletic Office (Room #134) for stage party. (Curt Fatzinger - 1568). Memo to all faculty & staff will be sent by Dec. 4, 2006.
J. Faculty & Staff Attendance:
   F2006  S2007(9:30 A.M.)  S2007(2 P.M.)
   Academic Staff:  9  8  6
   LAE: 34  6  27
   Library: 5  1  2
   BILSA: 30  33  2
   EMS 43  3  41
   Total 121  51  78
K. Graduates: Grad. School: 72, EMS=111, BILSA=138, LAE=125, Total: 446

IV. Old Business: None

V. New Business:
   (a) Request from David Nevins about distribution and collection of thank you cards to graduates lining up in the track area was approved unanimously.
   (b) Jason Artz presented the need for accessibility for students with disability at commencement ceremony. He presented alternative ideas to treat all graduates equally. The committee members enumerated how this issue had been explored many times over the past decades. After detailed analysis ramps were found to be infeasible due to space restrictions, cost, and logistics. Any decision by the committee will be a recommendation
to the Chancellor for consideration. Currently, students with disability are accommodated by the presenters getting off the stage to greet and present the degree to students with disability. Dan Fairchild thanked Jason for his initiative and moved that the current procedure be continued. The motion was seconded by Barb Daus. The motion passed unanimously. The Chancellor said that alternatives will be explored continuously and when an ideal solution is found it will be implemented.

(c) Wally Iselin and Russ Braby presented a proposal to allow students participating in the International Program to wear a sash during the commencement ceremonies. Via Simenz and Lauren Lehr presented a proposal to allow members of the Greek Community (Greek Social Fraternities and Sororities, Greek Professional Organizations, Greek Honor Societies, etc) to wear graduation stoles or cords at the commencement ceremonies. The committee decided unanimously to form a sub-committee to study these requests and make a recommendation to the UCC at the next meeting of the UCC on Jan. 31, 2007. The sub-committee will consist of the following members: Barb Daus, Dan Fairchild, Clem Jeske, Esther Ofulue, and Cory Enright.

(d) Susan Hilal proposed that faculty form a passageway for graduates to pass through and clap their hands when graduates are on their way to their seats. After a brief discussion, the committee decided to try this approach on Dec. 16, 2006. This topic will be discussed again at the next meeting after members get feedback from faculty and students.

(e) The UCC member list was updated and a few errors were corrected.

**Faculty:** Nine faculty, three from each college and one from Graduate School

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**Academic Staff:** Two appointed by Academic Staff Senate - Dale Bernhardt & Barbara Daus

**Students:** Four appointed by Student Senate - Emily Pedley, Coltan Janes, Christi Rischar, Ben Wyman

**Ex-Officio**
- Chancellor: David Markee
- Associate Registrar: Dianne Hanten
- Physical Plant Rep. Dave Langkamp
- Laurel Skrede, Campus Security
- Joyce Burkholder
- Dennis Cooley/Amy Kruel
- James Ball, PSC

**Other:** Garrity ([Garrity@uwplatt.edu](mailto:Garrity@uwplatt.edu)) & Duwe ([Duwe@uwplatt.edu](mailto:Duwe@uwplatt.edu))