

Provost's Committee on Commencement

Annual Report

2024-2025

Membership:

Co-Chairs - Audrey Burnett & Michele White

Members - Lina Akopov (CVPA), Amy Brooks (CVPA), Molly Brown (COB), Mindy Capaldi (CSM), Nikki Corley (CISE), Tammy Crawford (CHBS), Bree Emurian (CSM), Allison Fagan (Honors), Brooke Goolsby (COB), Demetria Henderson (COB), Brittany Higgs (CSM), Doug Hochstetler, (CHBS), Sara Hodges (Honors), Alison Huber (COB), Karina Kline-Gabel (CAL), Mike Lam (CISE), Carson Lonett (Student Affairs), Kristi McDonnell (TGS), Derrick Narvaez (Student Affairs), Briana Robinett (COE), Daniel Robinson (ADP), Laura Ryman (TGS), Wren Stevens (CVPA), Amy Thelk (COE), Haley Thomas (Honors), Andrew Urbanowicz (CISE), Sarah Wampler (TGS), Siân White (CAL), Steve Whitmeyer (CSM), and Laura Wisman (CAL)

Charge: The Provost's Committee on Commencement is charged with advising the Provost on all matters directly and indirectly related to commencement activities on campus. These include the college ceremonies and the university ceremony, as well as the planning and preparation for those events. The committee meets on an as-needed basis and works closely with the university's committee on commencement organized by University Events (UE), which has recently transitioned to the Office of the President. The committee chairs serve as liaisons for Academic Affairs in interacting with other divisions on commencement-related activities.

Summary of Annual Activity:

- We met a total of seven times throughout the year, and five committee members assisted with name card labeling in preparation for May's ceremonies.
- Bree Emurian (CSM) rotated off the committee, so Brittany Higgs filled her position. In addition, Nikki Corley (CISE) accepted a position in another unit, so Andrew Urbanowicz replaced her on the committee. Jeff Tang has also been replaced by Mike Lam (CISE).
- We met with Hilary Cronin, Chief Matos, and Lieutenant Campbell for a presentation on the emergency management plan in preparation for May's commencement ceremonies.

- Marilou Johnson and Jeanne Martino-McAllister alternated reading graduates' names for both the December and May ceremonies.

Future Work Planned: During the first week in June (date TBD), University Events will meet with the commencement committee co-chairs, college coordinators, AUBC directors and staff members, and other campus staff (e.g., Facilities Management, Campus Police, etc.) to discuss how to improve both December and next May's commencement ceremonies.

Appendices: None