

# **Provost's Committee on Commencement**

Mid-Year Report – 2023-2024

Written by Audrey Burnett and Michele White, co-chairs

## **Membership**

**Co-Chairs:** Audrey Burnett and Michele White

**Members:** Molly Brown (COB), Betty Dailey (COB), Sam Collier (COB), Doug Hochstetler, (CHBS), Tammy Crawford (CHBS), Fawn-Amber Montoya (Honors), Haley Thomas (Honors), Daniel Robinson (SPCE), Laura Ryman (Grad Sch), Kristi McDonnell (Grad Sch), Wren Stevens (CVPA), Amy Brooks (CVPA), Jeff Tang (CISE), Nikki Corley (CISE), Amy Thelk (COE), Brianna Robinett (COE), Siân White (CAL), Laura Wisman (CAL), Steve Whitmeyer (CSM), Bree Emurian (CSM), Carson Lonett (SA)

**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) in the Division of Access and Enrollment Management. The committee chairs serve as liaisons for Academic Affairs in interacting with other divisions on commencement-related activities.

## **Summary of Current Semester Activity:**

- The chair of this committee changed from Jeff Tang to co-chairs Audrey Burnett and Michele White during Summer 2023. We would like to thank Jeff for allowing us to shadow him during the May 2023 ceremonies to ensure a smooth transition.
- Co-chairs participated on RFP committee to find and select a new commencement photographer.
  - ProPics will begin taking commencement photographs in December 2023.
- With the selection of ProPics, Marching Order will replace GradRoll (software used to display graduate names on the video boards).
- A new name reader (Marilou Johnson) will begin December 2023.

**Future Work Planned:** During Spring 2023, the committee will be working closely with UE to plan the May 2023 ceremonies.

**Appendices:** No appendices