

## **FACULTY MEETING MINUTES**

### **May 25, 2018**

President Greene thanked everyone for an outstanding year and noted that we are likely to have a rain-free graduation on Sunday. He thanked Carleen Mandolfo for her work in organizing an excellent set of faculty development workshops and a very rewarding faculty retreat.

The Secretary did not have a report.

Provost McFadden called on Registrar Beth Schiller to present the candidates for degrees. Beth was greeted with hearty and lengthy applause, in recognition of her many years of dedicated service to the college.

Beth: It's been an intense privilege to be your Registrar for the past 12 years. I thank you for your understanding, your kindness and for submitting your grades on time. I am leaving you in the capable hands of Lindsey Nelson.

- There is one correction to the list of graduates: Haranch Singh will move to the October list.
- The graduating class has 481 members, 256 women, 225 men. 39 states, 43 countries, 71 foreign students/resident aliens.
- GPA cut-off are 3.75 for cum laude, 3.89 for magna cum laude, and 3.96 for summa cum laude.
- 65% of the graduates received distinction in one or both majors.
- 14% of the graduates received honors in one or both majors.

A motion to approve the list of graduates was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Provost McFadden: Beth has given many years of excellent and dedicated service, much of it invisible, to this college. This included a considerable amount of work on nights and weekends. It was detail-oriented work, which she performed with great accuracy. We could not put together our curriculum without Beth's work. Beth plays our challenging computer system like the piano virtuosa that she is. She has served on many key committees and managed important policies. She has been a paragon of fairness in equitably enforcing the rules. We thank her and give her our very best wishes.

- Beth again received hearty applause.

Faculty marshals Cathy Bevier and Adam Howard gave instructions for how to correctly robe, line up, and process for the upcoming baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies.

- Baccalaureate: This event will take place at 10 AM Saturday in Lorimer Chapel. Robing will begin at 9 AM in Miller. In the case of rain, robing will be in the Heights lounge.
  - If robing is in Heights, there will be no procession.

- There will not be water at your seats in the chapel.
- The seating will be tight, to help squeeze everyone in.
- The recessional will include the usual “gauntlet” for greeting and congratulating the (almost) graduates.
- Commencement: This will take place at 10 AM Sunday in the main quad. Robing will begin at 9 AM in Miller.
  - In the case of rain, robing will be in the Carl Nelson training room, and the commencement ceremony will be in the gymnasium.
  - We will process behind the platform party, with the most senior faculty members leading.
  - We can expect to be photographed at any time and should comport ourselves accordingly.
  - After the ceremony, lunch will be served in tents on the east side of the Colby Green.
- Road closings and parking
  - Mayflower Hill Drive will be closed during commencement ceremony
  - For those driving to commencement, the Mary Low and Roberts lots would be the best places to park.

Tamae Prindle, in her last faculty meeting before retirement, moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22

Respectfully submitted,  
Russell Johnson  
Substitute Faculty Secretary