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University Commencement Committee

Minutes, October 30, 2007

The University Commencement Committee held its initial meeting for the academic year 2007-2008 from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m., October 30, 2007, in the Liberal Arts Conference room (163 Millett Hall). The members present were: Cole Budinsky, Jacob H. Dorn (chair), Ronald G. Helms, Deborah Hess, Carol Loranger, Theresa Mileo (ex-officio), and Cora Phipps.

After self-introductions by the members and a brief overview of the committee's responsibilities by Mr. Dorn, Ms. Mileo reviewed the June 2007 commencement, with special attention to the amount of time that each element in the ceremony took. Although the total of 2 hours and 15 minutes seemed reasonable for June, discussion ensued about ways to abbreviate the processional, which required 22 minutes. Ms. Mileo also mentioned special features introduced at the inauguration of President David Hopkins on October 5, such as new banners for the colleges and schools and a Presidential chain, which will be part of commencement ceremonies in the future.

Ms. Mileo reported that she did not believe there would be an honorary degree award at the ceremony on Nov. 17, and that she did not have other policy items related to commencement for the committee to consider.

Mr. Dorn distributed copies of the university's guidelines and procedures for granting honorary degrees and summarized the committee's responsibilities for soliciting nominations and making recommendations to the President. He noted that he had submitted information about the process for inclusion in *Dialogue*, whose staff promised to pass this information along to the *Guardian*, and that he had met on October 26 with Provost Steven R. Angle to discuss the policy and to ask his help in encouraging the deans to alert their constituencies to it. For preliminary inquiries about possible nominations, the deadline for both commencements in 2008 is January 7, 2008.