

OVERVIEW: The GFC Convocation Committee made changes to both the convocation ceremony and convocation support in 2011-2012. A new contract for registering graduand attendees and organizing, delivering, and retrieving regalia was established with Gaspard, and our Spring 2012 ceremony saw that new system work with great success. Student involvement in their convocation program was increased by changing the invocation to a group-recited pledge, and by adding more detail about medal recipients and other student participants.

MEETINGS: The GFC Convocation Committee met 3 times in this year:

*September 22 2011*

Main agenda items were changes to the Ph.D. hooding process and new procedures for improving the accuracy of student thesis information in the program. 7 committee members and 4 committee resource persons were in attendance.

*February 28 2012*

Main agenda items were changes to the convocation ceremony (highlighted in the overview here). 9 committee members and 6 committee resource persons were in attendance.

*May 3 2012*

Main agenda items were organization of Summer 2011 Convocation and discussion of modernizations to both convocation video and light standard banners.

FUTURE: In 2012/2013, GFC Convocation committee will continue regular operations, specifically the planning and operation of U of L convocations. Thanks to all committee members, resource persons, and convocation volunteers for another successful year.