

GFC Convocation Committee – ANNUAL REPORT (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)

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**Overview:** This committee is responsible for overseeing all Convocation Ceremonies, approving the schedule of events, order of proceedings, citations for honorary degree recipients and award winners. This year the committee oversaw the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 ceremonies. Highlights of the past year include the **1596** students who graduated over the five ceremonies. We also welcomed a new Chancellor, Charles Weaselhead and a new Chief Marshal, Dr. Noella Piquette, at the spring ceremonies.

**Meetings:** The GFC Convocation Committee met 4 times this year.

September 14, 2018: A summary of the Spring 2018 ceremonies was presented as well as a review of the award citations, order of proceedings, schedule of events and RSVP numbers for the upcoming Fall 2018 ceremony. Also, a motion was carried to include remarks in the President's address to Convocation that explain the Cooperative Education Designation.

November 1, 2018: The president joined the committee meeting to discuss Calgary Campus options for Convocation. The committee shared feedback and expressed the importance of exploring student feedback. This will be an ongoing discussion and the committee expressed the importance of making sure the experience in Calgary is just as celebratory and special as it is in Lethbridge. The Chair provided an overview of the annual report and a summary of Fall Convocation was presented. The committee also heard an overview of the process for the first February Conferral to take place in 2019.

February 26, 2019: A new Order of Conferral proposal was presented to the committee and a motion for the Order of Conferral to be approved by GFC was carried. A preview of the Spring 2019 ceremonies was presented and Dr. Noëlla Piquette was announced as the new Chief Marshal to serve a three-year term. The spring ceremonies will also see the installation of the new Chancellor, Charles Weaselhead, in Ceremony 1. An update regarding Calgary Campus Convocation was provided to let the committee know that the primary decision revolves around budget and decisions will be on hold until we know more about budget. The convocation office will continue to collect student feedback using the post-ceremony surveys.

May 10, 2019: This was the final meeting before the Spring 2019 ceremonies and the committee reviewed the award citations, Order of Proceedings, Schedule of Events and RSVP numbers. An overview of event information was provided on behalf of the Senate and informed the committee about the Pipe ceremony, Chancellor installation, and other events happening with the Honorary Degree Recipients during the two days of convocation. The committee thanked Dr. Olu Awosoga for his time and commitment during his term as Chief Marshal and welcomed Dr. Noëlla Piquette as the new Chief Marshal. The mace will be handed to Dr. Piquette at the end of Ceremony 4 to lead the recession and begin her term as Chief Marshal.

Summary:        Graduates:  
                    Fall 2018 – 249  
                    Spring 2019 – 1347  
                    **TOTAL – 1596**

                    Graduates who attended Convocation:  
                    Fall 2018 – 179  
                    Spring 2019 – 1054  
                    **TOTAL – 1233**

Upcoming:        In 2019/2020, the GFC Convocation Committee will continue to meet regularly to  
                    oversee Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 ceremonies. We expect to welcome new members of  
                    the GFC Convocation committee.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Noëlla Piquette". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name and date.

Noëlla Piquette  
September 10, 2019