



GFC Standing Committee Report

Committee: Convocation Ceremony Committee

For the Period of July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Members: Michelle Hogue (Committee Chair), Miranda MacKenzie (Convocation Coordinator) - Jodie Gallais, Charles Weaselhead, Kathleen Massey, Natasha Buis Deering, Kali McKay, Lyndsay Montana, Romany Craig, Olu Awosoga, Kairvee Bhatt, Lauren Zink, Tony Montana, Lisa Neufeld & Terry Whitehead

Meeting Overview: This committee is responsible for overseeing all Convocation Ceremonies. This year the committee oversaw the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 convocation ceremonies. Highlights of the past year include the graduation of **1698** students, the inclusion of Indigenous stoles in our Board Chair, President & Chancellor regalia in recognition of our outgoing Chancellor Charles Weaselhead, and the installation of our new Chancellor, Terry Whitehead.

September 7th, 2022 – This was the final meeting prior to Fall Convocation. An overview of the event was shared by the Convocation Coordinator, including plans for Charles Weaselhead’s farewell as Chancellor. The Order of Proceedings was approved for Fall 2022. Additionally, conversation around cost saving measures and the program took place; a decision to use a QR code for programs (while still printing the same number for this year) to collect data on QR code usage was made.

December 7th, 2022 – This meeting was called to debrief Fall Convocation. As well, as to discuss the installation of the new Chancellor & the Presidential farewell both in Spring convocation. The Spring Order of Conferral was approved for Spring 2023. An update on a change in the Inuit symbol on the Indigenous stoles was shared. The decision to move all faculty pin presentations down the hill, prior to the ceremony was made. Lisa Neufeld joined the committee as our Alumni Association representative.

March 28th, 2023 – Our incoming Chancellor, Terry Whitehead was welcomed to the committee. An update on Spring 2023 and the Chancellor installation was provided. The committee was reminded that we were returning to students being charged for regalia (\$32 rental fee). An update on the Indigenous stoles was provided, that as a result of not being able to secure embroidery within the timeline required for convocation, we have moved to sublimation of the design onto the stole at a lower price. Our committee Terms of Reference (TOR) were updated, including adding an additional academic staff to our voting members (now 3), and a committee name change to the Convocation Ceremony Committee. A revision to our approved Order of Conferral was made to reflect how our inclusive education completers are listed, such that it aligns with Inclusive Education Alberta guidelines.

May 10th, 2023 – An update on Spring 2023 Convocation was provided. A decision to review our convocation guidelines at a future meeting was made. A decision was also made to have John Wort Hannam perform at the Spring 2023 Convocation, in honour of the new chancellor’s (Terry Whitehead), installation.

Michelle Hogue, Committee Chair

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