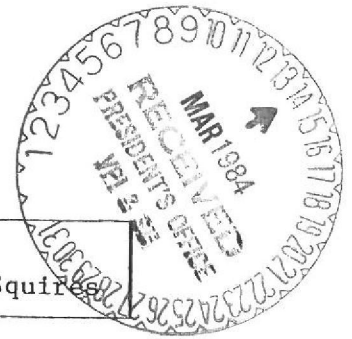


COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES  
March 7, 1984



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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 3, 1984  
Noon in the Cardinal Room, Squire

Those present: Tozier, Mason, S.D. Ford, Sochinski, Meldrum, Hundley, Brown, Wenk, Powell, Huffman, Lane, Hawes, Kobus, Johnston, Wang, D. Ford, Shackelford, Noel, Pusey, Johnson, Axelson, and Jenks Robertson.

1. Press Coverage

Enid Tozier distributed press clippings of some unfortunate coverage Tech has received regarding student behavior at Commencement.

2. Speakers Subcommittee

Charles Noel was appointed chairman of the Speaker's Subcommittee. Also appointed were Wayland Hundley, Monty Wenk, Dennis Ford, and Leo Padis.

3. Honors Reception

Joe Wang reported that copies of Kinnear's history of Virginia Tech will again be available this year for distribution. Dwindling supplies indicate that this may be the last year they will be available. Dr. Kinnear will also be available for autographs.

4. Sound System Requests

Stan Huffman requests that the following departments contact him by April 1 regarding their graduation sound equipment needs: Architecture, Geological Sciences, Psychology, Sociology, Accounting, Education.

Stan also reported that renovation of the stadium sound system is progressing.

5. Commencement Related Activities

Enid Tozier distributed preliminary lists of commencement related activities. Where applicable, colleges are urged to forward a copy of their respective college-level graduation programs to the President's office with an explanatory cover letter.

6. Commencement Program

After extended discussion, the Committee recommends the following program changes:

- a) The ceremonial fanfare will occur at 8:45 a.m. (ten minutes earlier than last year) to accommodate the expanded Commencement program.
- b) University exercises will proceed according to the following order:
  - 1. Prelude
  - 2. Ceremonial Fanfare
  - 3. Processional
  - 4. Invocation
  - 5. National Anthem

6. Greetings from Dr. Lavery
7. Greetings from the Alumni Association
8. Service Award Presentation
9. Remarks by the Class President
10. Alma Mater
11. Conferring of Degrees
12. Concluding Remarks
13. Benediction
14. Postlude

- c) The conferring of degrees (Item 11) will proceed as follows:
1. PhD
  2. DVM
  3. Masters/CAGS
  4. Bachelors

In reference to the awarding of the Bachelors degrees, the Committee suggests that Provost Roselle recognize and introduce those students graduating with honors or distinction. He would then introduce each of the college deans who, in turn, would present the graduates of their respective colleges to the President for the conferring of degrees.

Enid Tozier is to contact Provost Roselle about this and alternative possibilities

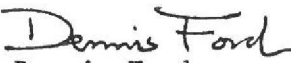
7. Miscellaneous

- a) Thomas Harvey will once again be asked to sing the National Anthem.
- b) A press platform will be used again this year.
- c) A chart indicating the stadium seating location of the various colleges will be included in this year's Commencement program.
- d) George Shakelford reported that he will make a presentation regarding academic regalia to the Arts and Sciences College Association today at 4:15 p.m. He briefly presented several gowns and design ideas.

A person will be in the Bookstore April 3 to accept orders for Commencement gown rentals/purchases.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dennis Ford  
Secretary

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