

Action item from UFAC 9/10/18

Motion on Faculty Marshals

The motion was drafted by Miriam and presented by Marie; discussion led to a decision to omit reference to the number of marshals, as apparently merging the undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies into one is under consideration.

2.4.8 Faculty Marshal

The Faculty Marshals direct the faculty during graduation and honor convocation. They also serve at any other event (e.g., the inauguration of a new President) where faculty formally process in their regalia. Additionally, the Grand Marshal leads the party platform, carries the mace, leads the president in and out of the event, and convenes and concludes the Commencement Ceremony from the podium. Faculty Marshals are appointed by the UFOC in two-year staggered terms after a nomination process. Faculty Marshals must have volunteered to serve in this position. The Grand Marshal is appointed from among the Faculty Marshals and is re-appointed by the UFOC every two years. Both Faculty Marshals and the Grand Marshal may serve for multiple terms.

Rationale: until now there has been no process by which Faculty Marshals and the Grand Marshal are selected; this proposal eliminates the arbitrary character of the appointment. The current Faculty Marshals have done an excellent job and by not having term limits can continue serving in this capacity if there are not other interested parties. However, this creates transparency to the process and allows a variety of faculty who may be interested in this position to serve. It is recommended that this go into effect for fall of 2019; UFOC would need to address the task in spring 2019.