

8.2 Faculty Marshal

Faculty Marshals direct the faculty during graduation and honor convocation, and at any other event where faculty formally process in regalia. The Grand Marshal leads the party platform, carries the mace, and convenes and concludes the Commencement Ceremony from the podium. Faculty Marshals and the Grand Marshall shall be full-time members of the faculty with at least five years of service and shall be appointed by the University Faculty Organization Committee by the same process used to appoint members of faculty committees, as specified in sections 2.5 and 2.7. Faculty marshals serve a three year term and may serve consecutive 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.