

Commencement Committee
Monday, October 19, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Faculty – Bridgett Severt, Jinhwan Jo, Jeannette Marchand

Students – Victoria Solomon, Gullzada Anwari, Joe York

Ex-officio/Guests – Fran Keeley, Susan Carrafiello, Bing Bingham, Tom Webb, Tami Smith, Bryan Nethers

I. Announcements

- a. Fran Keeley reminded the committee of the upcoming virtual Spring 2020 Commencement ceremony on Saturday, October 24, 2020.

II. Honorary Degree – Review of Initial Nominations

- a. Review of Guidelines and Procedures
<https://policy.wright.edu/policy/3670-honorary-degree>

The committee reviewed the honorary degree guidelines and procedures contained in University policy 3670.

- b. Review of Initial Nominations

The committee received 11 nominations via email and Qualtrics; however, there were only 7 unique nominations after factoring three duplicate submissions and one blank submission.

After discussions, the voting members unanimously approved a proposal to recommend the following actions to committee chair Alysoun Taylor-Hall:

(names withheld per confidentiality statement in UP#3670)

1. Request a full nomination from three nominators
2. Follow-up with Human Resources regarding affiliation status of two nominees and report findings at the next meeting.
3. Reject three nominations as a result of current WSU affiliation
 - a. 1 current student (two nominations, Oct '19 & Oct '20)
 - b. 1 blank nomination submitted to Qualtrics form
 - c. 1 current WSU staff member

- III. Adjourn - The committee will reconvene next week at 1:00pm, Monday, October 26, 2020.

1:00pm – 2:00pm, Monday, October 26 (webex)

- Review results of October 19 meeting
- Make additional determinations as needed
- Additional commencement discussions
- Plan late Nov / early Dec meeting