

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

University Standing Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Commencement Committee

Academic Year Covered by Report \_\_\_\_\_ 2016-17 \_\_\_\_\_

Date Report Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ June 9, 2017 \_\_\_\_\_

Report Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ James M. "Tim" Wallace \_\_\_\_\_

Number of times committee met \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The committee next year should take a look at appropriate cords and ribbons used by various student clubs, honor societies and other organizations. We did not have time to look at them this year as the item for consideration was brought up by Dr. Louis Hunt after the committee met.

## **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE**

The committee met two times to review and hear the proposed student speaker speeches once for the Fall 2016 Graduation Exercises and once for the Spring 2017 Commencement Exercises. There were 9 student speaker nominees for the Fall meeting and 11 for the Spring meeting. Yvette Nkunde-Bose was selected as the student speaker for the Fall 2016 Graduation and Yasmine Connor was selected for the Spring 2017 Commencement. At the Spring meeting, Prof. Tom Roberts from Health and Exercise Studies was selected as the Chair of the Commencement Committee for the 2017-18 academic term.

The committee also discussed whether graduate students should be allowed to be nominated for student speaker, but no decision was made, feeling it best to decide yes or no on a case-by-case basis.

## **RECOMMENDATION FOR REVISION OF CHARGE AND/OR MEMBERSHIP CONFIGURATION (if applicable)**

None at this time.