

Commencement Advisory Committee

The Commencement Advisory Committee 2025-2026 is a university wide committee appointed by the president. The committee is responsible for advising the president, provost, and other appropriate university administrators on matters pertaining to commencements; serving as Commencement Stewards; planning and implementing Commencement ceremonies and related events; submitting proposed actions and changes of substantive nature to the president for his/her consideration; disseminating information about Commencement throughout the institution to the appropriate departments and other interested constituents; recruiting volunteer participation from departments and offices; and making recommendations to the president for Commencement speakers, if necessary. The members of the committee will serve as institutional advocates and champions for Commencement activities.

Membership includes faculty from each of the schools, representatives from each administrative area, staff with functional roles, and student representatives. The committee meets regularly during the academic year.

POSITION	Name	School / Department / Division	Title
<i>Commencement Advisory Committee Leadership</i>			
Chair Faculty	Marko Miletich	Modern and Classical Languages	Assistant Professor
Vice-Chair (2025 chair elect) Faculty	Amy Wilson	Higher Education Administration	Professor
Immediate Past Chair Faculty – PR (#2)	Molly Hollinger	Creativity and Change Leadership	Associate Professor
University Marshal	Howard Reid	Psychology	Professor
President’s Representative	Carolyn Morris Hunt	President’s Office	Director Presidential Events & Protocol
Provost’s Representative	Kimberly Jackson	Academic Affairs	Deputy Director/Marshal
Operations Sub-Committee, Chair & Volunteer Sub-Committee	Alexis Greniert	Events Management	Assistant Director
Communications Sub-Committee Chair	Brian Kantz	Marketing & Communications	Director
SAS Associate Dean & Co-Chair & Volunteers Sub-Committee	Atta Ceesay	School of Arts and Sciences	Associate Dean
SAS Interim Associate Dean	Julian Cole	School of Arts and Sciences	Interim Associate Dean
SEP Associate Dean	Raquel Schmidt	School of Education & Applied Professions	Associate Dean
SEP Interim Associate Dean	Leah Panek-Shirley	School of Education & Applied Professions	Interim Associate Dean

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Staff			
Secretary	Catherine Cook	Academic Affairs	Administrative Asst. 2
Faculty			
SEP Faculty Representative	Sherria Weber	Elementary Education	Associate Professor
SEP Faculty Representative	Shantell Reid	Fashion & Textile Technology	Assistant Professor
SEP Faculty Representative	TBA		
SAS Faculty Representative	Eyad Naseralla	Psychology	Assistant Professor
SAS Faculty Representative	Ricky Fleming	Music	Professor
SAS Faculty Representative	TBA		
President's Medal/Chancellor's Award Sub-Committee Chair	Gehan Senthinathan	Social & Psychological Foundations	Assistant Professor
Honorary Doctorate Sub-Committee Chair	TBA		
Administrators			
Administration Representative	Lisa Morrison-Fronckowiak	Equity & Diversity	Chief Diversity Officer
Administration Representative	Margaret Herb	Honors Program, Muriel A. Howard	Director
Administration Representative	Shawnte Wilson	Roar2 Success	Director
Administration Representative	Abdollah Hajikandi	Academic Services, EOP	Assistant Director
Administration Representative	Josue Rosario-Caliz	Student Leadership & Engagement	Associate Dean
Admin. Representative & Co-Chair of Volunteers Sub-Committee	Katelyn Brickhouse	Alumni Engagement Office	Director
Admin. Representative & Co-Chair of Volunteers Sub-Committee	Jude Jayatilleka	Advancing Completion through Engagement (ACE)	Director
Administration Representative	Kenneth Williams	Veteran and Military Services	Coordinator
Students			
Student Representative-School of Arts & Sciences	TBA		Undergraduate Student

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Student Representative – School of Education & Applied Professions	Alexandra Pucci- Schaefer	Communications Department	Graduate Student