

Resolution SS0910-[19]

March 16, 2010

COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS
Jeffrey Lakusta, Chairman

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A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ADDITION OF A STUDENT LEADER TO THE DIRECT DECISION PROCESS OF THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Whereas, The student body has expressed a desire to participate in the selection of the commencement speaker;

the current method does not collecting (C.F.)

Whereas, Currently, there is no systematic method for receiving input on the decision besides the overall opportunity for students to provide suggestions;

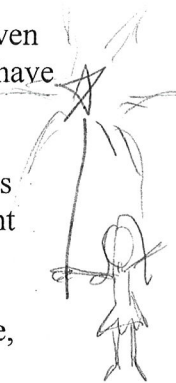
Whereas, In the past, the student body has questioned the selection process of the commencement speaker;

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Whereas, Student Senate understands that there is a constant pool of potential speakers that is gathered based on various university connections and suggestions coming from current and past students;

Whereas, Student Senate appreciates the opportunity to provide overall suggestions throughout the year;

Whereas, Although there is strong support for this year's selection of Brian Williams, given the frustration over past selections, Student Senate believes that it is extremely important to have a formal method for student feedback;



Whereas, Although Student Senate understands that unanimous approval of the speaker is unrealistic, student input can help to promote a warm student reception of the commencement speaker;

Whereas, Even if the decision occurs within the administration without a formal structure, Student Senate believes that those involved in the decision should formally seek student feedback;

Whereas, the Student Body President and the Senior Class President are student leaders who are knowledgeable of student interests and are accountable to the entire student body as well as to the senior class; and

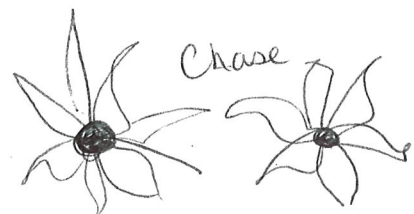
Whereas, Student Senate understands the importance of confidentiality in the decision making process; therefore be it

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Resolved, Student Senate recommends that the Office of the President includes the Student Body President or the Senior Class President in the discussions that surround the selection of the commencement speaker;

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Resolved, In order to overcome the potential concern of confidentiality, Student Senate recommends that the student representative sign a legally binding confidentiality agreement.

Resolved, If the decision for a future year has already been made, Student Senate recommends that the student representative still be consulted and informed of the decision.