Commencement Committee Minutes
April 25, 2006

The organizational meeting of the Commencement Committee was held on April 25, 2006. Attendees were: President Patton, Erin Erskine, Ethel Brown, Leslie Taylor, Cherise Peters, Becca Stout, Casey Long, Carrie Manning, Julie Ancis, John Peterson.

President Patton welcomed the new members to the Committee.

The process of moving to one commencement ceremony was reviewed. With this change there would be no summer commencement. The proposal would be presented at the next Administrative Council meeting for approval.

The proposal to shorten the lead time for Commencement would be presented at the May 26 Dean’s Group meeting. Both graduate and undergraduate students would apply for commencement two semesters before graduating (instead of the current three). This will reduce the number of audits and produce better advisement before applying.

The upcoming May 13 Commencement was discussed. Because of the large number of graduates, the College of Arts & Sciences would be split between the 10:00 and 2:00 p.m. ceremonies.

Students that graduated in four years would be recognized. They would be asked to wear the medals received at Convocation.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.