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MEMORANDUM

TO: Academic Events Committee

FROM: Joan DiGiulio *JF*

DATE: May 1, 1997

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting of April 30, 1997 - 3 p.m., Kilcawley, Room 2067

Members Present: Janet Boehm, Joan DiGiulio, Gordon Mapley and Anthony Messuri

1. Meeting called to order by J. DiGiulio.
2. Approval of minutes of meeting of March 5, 1997.
3. Discussion of meeting with R. Bevly. G. Mapley informed the committee that the cost of a projection screen and accompanying equipment would be at least \$50,000 and possibly much more. Although the committee recommends this addition to commencement, it might not be economically feasible.
4. The committee discussed receiving input from faculty and students regarding Honors Convocation. A. Messuri suggested an open-ended questionnaire to elicit concerns, rather than a narrow survey. Data will be collected during Fall '97 Quarter. It was emphasized that the ceremony should bring honor to students. Concerns mentioned were: having the audience stay to the end of the ceremony; limiting awards to a specific dollar amount and above; giving smaller monetary awards at a college or departmental ceremony or banquet; only reading the names of students who are actually in attendance; and giving awards by students (if a student receives more than one award) rather than by individual awards.
5. Janet Boehm gave a report on the possibility of faculty receiving free rental for academic regalia. This is not possible as the supplier is giving the best price possible. Universities that have free faculty gown rental are able to do this because they add this cost to student gown rental.

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