

Public Ceremonial Committee Meeting
January 4, 1985
Tod Administration Building
University Relations Conference Room
2:00 p.m.

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Present:

P. A. Snyder, Chairman
Bernice Brownlee
Donald Byo
Rocco Mediate
Jim Miller

Walt Advey, President, Student Government (guest)

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Phil Snyder at 2:10 p.m. He asked for comments on the Student Council resolution (a copy was mailed to committee members for review) which was passed by the student body and pertains to individual recognition of graduates at Commencement. A discussion followed.

Mr. Snyder explained that he had asked Walt Advey, President of the Student Government, to attend the meeting and speak to the committee regarding the resolution.

^{vd}Mr. Advey explained that in the three years that he has been involved with Student Government a number of individuals, who were either graduating or had graduated, would discuss with student leaders that they felt cheated or didn't attend graduation ceremonies because of the lack of recognition to the individual graduate. They felt that everyone but the graduates got recognized. Also, he commented that at Summer Commencement graduates do not receive their diplomas.

He stated that Student Government in their research found that most of the State Universities did give recognition to the graduates at Commencement. Mr. Advey related that most State Universities read the names of graduates.

Mr. Snyder asked about the possibility of improving on the receptions where the individual diplomas are distributed. These could be made more personal for the individual graduate. Mr. Advey said that actual recognition at Commencement is what he believes the graduates want, however, the suggestion to improve the receptions is a step in the right direction. While the receptions have been held on a regular basis for some five years they all vary in format.

Miss Brownlee explained that diplomas can't be distributed to graduates at Summer Commencement as final examinations are not given early for seniors and grades are not available until the Friday before Commencement.

Following a discussion, Jim Miller made the motion that the Commencement ceremony be in two parts: 1) a general commencement for all graduates and 2) a reception in each college or school where individual recognition is given to the graduate (similar to the College of Fine and Performing Arts ceremony).

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It was further recommended that all receptions be uniform to the extent possible. The University should also provide cookies as well as punch at the individual receptions. Motion seconded by Don Byo. Motion carried.

Mr. Byo then moved that for Summer Commencement, steps be taken to make diplomas available to distribute to the graduates following commencement exercises that day. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion carried.

Future meetings of the Public Ceremonial Committee will be called by the chairman as needed.

As there was no further business to discuss, Rocco Mediate made a motion for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Byo. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Individual student recognition for all graduates is not an element of Youngstown State University Commencement Ceremonies and

WHEREAS the decision to exclude individual graduate recognition was made under extreme circumstances over a decade ago and

WHEREAS a change in commencement procedure would only result in a longer ceremony

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Students of Youngstown State University hereby authorize the Youngstown State University Student Government to pursue a change in commencement procedures that would in effect grant every graduate the right to individual recognition at commencement and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this individual recognition include the reading of every name of every graduate as they receive their diploma from their respective dean in front of the congregation as a whole and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate Academic Senate and University-Wide Committees.

Dave Tarsanowski
Motion made by

Jeanne Ann Lasky
Jeanne Ann Lasky, Chair of Council

David J. Gimmel
Motion seconded by

Walt R. Avcey
Walt R. Avcey, Student Government
President

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Bernard T. Gillis, Provost

DATE 1-4-85

[Signature]
FROM Philip A. Snyder, Chairman, Public Ceremonial Committee

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SUBJECT : Commencement

Minutes of today's Public Ceremonial Committee meeting have not been typed, however, you requested a copy of any motions passed at this meeting that could be discussed at the Deans' Council meeting next Tuesday. For your information and discussion, the following two motions were passed by the Committee at today's meeting.

1st Motion:

Jim Miller made the motion that the Commencement ceremony be in two parts: 1) a general commencement for all graduates and 2) a reception in each college or school where individual recognition is given to each graduate (similar to the College of Fine and Performing Arts ceremony). It was further recommended that all receptions be uniform to the extent possible. The University should also provide cookies as well as punch at the individual college and school receptions. Motion seconded by Don Byo. Passed.

2nd Motion:

Mr. Byo moved that for Summer Commencements, steps be taken to make diplomas available to distribute to graduates following commencement exercises that day. Motion seconded by Jim Miller. Passed.

Please give me a call if you have any questions regarding these two motions. Discussion on both of these motions will be covered in the minutes of the meeting.

cc: Dr. Neil D. Humphrey
Dr. Lawrence E. Looby

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