

**Provost's Committee on Commencement**  
End-of-Year Report - 2023-2024  
Audrey Burnett & Michele White, Co-Chairs

**Membership:**

**Co-Chairs** - Audrey Burnett & Michele White

**Members** - Amy Brooks (CVPA), Molly Brown (COB), Mindy Capaldi (CSM), Nikki Corley (CISE), Tammy Crawford (CHBS), Bree Emurian (CSM), Doug Hochstetler, (CHBS), Alison Huber (COB), Carson Lonett (Student Affairs), Kristi McDonnell (TGS), Fawn-Amber Montoya (Honors), Briana Robinett (COE), Daniel Robinson (ADP), Laura Ryman (TGS), Wren Stevens (CVPA), Jeff Tang (CISAT), Amy Thek (COE), Haley Thomas (Honors), Sarah Wampler (TGS), Siân White (CAL), Steve Whitmeyer (CSM), and Laura Wisman (CAL)

**Charge:** The Provost's Committee on Commencement is charged with advising the Provost on all matters directly and indirectly related to commencement activities on campus. These include the college ceremonies and the university ceremony, as well as the planning and preparation for those events. The committee meets on an as-needed basis and works closely with the university's committee on commencement organized by University Events (UE) in the Division of Access and Enrollment Management. The committee chairs serve as liaisons for Academic Affairs in interacting with other divisions on commencement-related activities.

**Summary of Current Semester Activity:**

- This was Audrey Burnett's first full year as co-chair with Michele White, although Jeff Tang still served as a resource for questions/concerns/feedback.
- Lina Akopov filled in while Wren Stevens was on leave this semester.
- We had a positive first-year experience with *Pro Pics* and *Marching Order* (software used to display graduates' names on the video boards).
- Both Marilou Johnson and Jeanne Martino-McAllister alternated reading graduates' names; however, Jeanne officially retired from her role this May.

**Future Work Planned:** Next week, University Events has scheduled a meeting for the committee co-chairs, college coordinators, AUBC directors and staff members, and other campus staff (e.g., Facilities Management, Campus Police, etc.) to discuss how to improve both December and next May's commencement ceremonies.

**Appendices:** No appendices