

Commencement Ritual  
Saturday, June 11, 2011

13. Conferring of professional/doctoral degrees

(following the presentation of candidates by the deans

Regent Simon steps to the microphone and says:

“On behalf of the Board of Regents and the faculties of the respective schools, I am pleased to confer upon these candidates their respective doctoral degrees. Congratulations. You have achieved high academic distinction, and this University salutes you. You will be presented today with a memento of this graduation exercise.

Please come forward.”

After the citation, candidates seated in the two sections north (left) of the center aisle, march single file along the north (left) aisle to the stage, presenting their name card to the reading marshal. Those seated in the two sections south (right) of the center aisle simultaneously march along the south (right) aisle to the reading marshal.

President Wise, assisted by Mr. Seegert, will present mementos on the north side and Dean Baldasty, assisted by Ms. Edwards, will present mementos on the south side.

To honor these graduates, President Wise and Dean Baldasty will shake hands with each graduate receiving a memento.

All four will then be seated.

14. Conferring of master's degrees

(following the presentation of the candidates by the deans

Regent Simon steps to the microphone and says:

"On behalf of the Board of Regents and the graduate faculty, I am pleased to confer upon each of you your master's degree.

Congratulations. You will be presented today with a memento of this graduation exercise.

"Please come forward."

President Wise and Regent Simon, assisted by Mr. Seegert and Mr. Mildon respectively, will hand out mementos on the north side of the stage. Provost Lidstrom and Dean Baldasty, assisted by Ms. Edwards and Mr. Smith, will be on the south side.

All eight will then be seated.

15. Conferring of bachelor's degrees

(following the presentation of the candidates by the deans)

Regent Simon steps to the microphone and says:

"On behalf of the Board of Regents and the faculty of the University, I am pleased to confer upon each of you your bachelor's degree.

Congratulations. You will be presented today with a memento of this graduation exercise.

"Please come forward."

President Wise and Regent Simon, assisted by Mr. Seegert and Mr. Mildon respectively, will hand out mementos on the north side of the stage. Provost Lidstrom and Dean Taylor (or other dean), assisted by Ms. Edwards and Mr. Smith, will be on the south side.

Then all will be seated.