



Consolidation Committee  
Final Report



Committee Details	
Date:	July 19, 2017
Committee Name:	28 Ceremonies
Committee Co-Chairs:	Gwen Hosley, Frances Carr
Functional Area:	Student Enrollment
Functional Area Coordinator: Frank Malinowski/ Elizabeth Perkins/Tau Kadhi	

**Major Tasks for Committee Tracker from Final Planning Document and Recommendations**

<b>Task:</b> <i>Determine Location and Frequency of Graduation Ceremonies</i>
<b>Recommendation and/or Action Taken:</b>
<b>Recommends hosting all commencement ceremonies at the Albany James H. Gray, Sr. Civic Center with the first combined ceremony scheduled Fall 2017. Combined ceremony began Spring 2017</b>
<b>Recommends hosting two ceremonies for the Spring and Fall semesters; with ceremonies combined by colleges.</b>
<b>Recommends adding a ceremony at the end of the summer semester should the University’s enrollment significantly increase; thereby, increasing the number of graduates.</b>
<b>Recommends that the platform participants for each ceremony include the President, Provost, Deans, Registrar and Keynote Speaker.</b>
<b>Recommends using the standard guideline when determining GPAs for Honor Recognition: Cum Laude – 3.50 – 3.74; Magna Cum Laude – 3.75 – 3.89; Summa Cum Laude – 3.90 – 4.00.</b>
<b>Recommends announcing academic honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude, etc.) for Undergraduates.</b>
<b>Recommends keeping Albany State University’s tradition of allowing the Fine Arts department to provide live entertainment at each ceremony.</b>
<b>Recommends keeping Albany State University’s tradition of allowing alumni celebrating their 50th anniversary to participate in the spring commencement ceremony.</b>
<b>Recommends displaying banners with the names of the various colleges.</b>
<b>Recommends keeping Darton’s tradition of designating a space for photo opts at the Albany James H. Gray Sr. Civic Center.</b>



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**Recommends faculty participation by college for the designated graduation ceremony in which graduates within their college will receive their diploma.**

**Recommends graduates notify the Office of the Registrar if the graduate is unable to attend the ceremony. *Notification will be part of the graduation application.***

**Recommends continuing Albany State University’s tradition to include the ASU National Alumni Association Induction as a part of the commencement ceremony.**

**Task: *Combine Honors Day Activities***

**Recommendation and/or Action Taken:**

**Recommends allocating funds to support expenses related to hosting the Honors Day Convocation.**

**Recommends alternate hosting the Honors Day Convocation on both campuses.**

**Recommends hosting two separate Honors Day ceremonies; one ceremony for honor awards and the second ceremony for scholarship awards.**

**Task: *Determine Founder’s Day Convocation Traditions***

**Recommendation and/or Action Taken:**

**Recommends continuing ASU’s tradition of hosting Founder’s Day the first Friday in April.**

**Recommends hosting the Founder’s Day Convocation on the east campus.**

**Task: *Determine Homecoming Convocation Traditions***

**Recommendation and/or Action Taken:**

**Recommends that Homecoming student activities for are held on both campuses.**

**Recommends continuing ASU’s tradition of hosting the Homecoming Convocation during the football season.**

**Recommends Host the Homecoming Convocation on the east campus.**



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<b>Other/Final Comments (if any):</b>
<p><b>Recommends hosting the Health Science/Nursing Pinning and Education Pinning Ceremonies separate from commencement.</b></p>
<p><b>Recommends that convocation is scheduled during the day in addition to the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs suspending classes during the time of convocation is held.</b></p>
<p><b>Recommends that departments determine faculty to send to ceremonies.</b></p>
<p><b>All recommendations are either implemented or in the midst of being implemented. The above recommendations have all been put in place with the exception of the combined ceremonies. We actually began Spring 2017 instead of Fall 2017.</b></p>