



TO: Council on Graduate Studies

FROM: Robert M. Augustine, Dean

RE: Fall 2011 Commencement Marshal Nomination  
Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 Faculty Marshal Nominations

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### **Fall 2011 Commencement Marshal Nomination**

The Commencement Marshal carries the mace and leads the processional during commencement ceremonies. This year I received many outstanding nominations for the Commencement Marshal for the Graduate School. Upon the nomination of Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Graduate Coordinator for the Master of Science in Political Science Program, and with additional support from Dr. Jeffrey Ashley, Chair of the Department of Political Science, I have selected Dr. Andrew McNitt, Professor of Political Science, to serve as the Graduate School Commencement Marshal for the December 2011 Commencement Ceremonies. Dr. McNitt is exemplary of the criteria for Commencement Marshal as outlined below:

- Record of Graduate Teaching: Professor McNitt has completed a 33-year record of teaching graduate-level courses. Dr. McNitt serves as the lead instructor of Political Science 5053, Research Methods, as course which serves as a foundational requirement for all graduate students. As a result, every graduate candidate in the program has an opportunity to compete graduate studies with Dr. McNitt. In addition, during his tenure in the program he has been assigned to numerous other graduate-level courses, served as the faculty mentor for an extensive number of graduate candidates pursuing a master's thesis, and has been instrumental with development of the graduate curriculum. Many of Dr. McNitt's students have earned travel grants to present their work and other awards in recognition of exemplary graduate study that are offered through the Graduate School and the College of Sciences.
- Record of Graduate Research: Dr. McNitt has an exemplary record of scholarship. In the last 3 years he has published articles in two peer reviewed journals including the *Illinois Political Science Review* and the *State and Local Government Review*. He also had an article accepted for publication in the *Journal of Urban Affairs* which is scheduled to be published in December of 2011.
- Record of Graduate Leadership: Dr. McNitt served as the Coordinator of Graduate Studies for 11 years in addition to an impressive record as Department Chair. He was instrumental in providing leadership that advanced the quality of graduate study in while serving in these two leadership roles. His guidance and insights were instrumental in providing assistance to the program while is pursued and achieved the First Choice Program designation. He is currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a three-year term on the Council on Graduate Studies where he has served on numerous CGS committees and boards in many leadership roles.

Dr. McNitt's record as a teacher-scholar exemplifies the ideal established by the Council on Graduate Studies for recognition as Commencement Marshal from the Graduate School and I believe this will be a fitting tribute to his record of achievement. .

## Fall 2011 Spring 2012 Faculty Marshal Nominations

Faculty Marshals carry the Graduate School banner and lead the Commencement Ceremony. The Council on Graduate Studies criteria for selecting marshals are summarized below

- Members of the Council who have not served previously.
- Graduate Coordinators who have not served previously.
- Former Members of the Council or Coordinators who have not served previously.
- Graduate Faculty or Department Chairs recommended by the Council, Coordinators, or Deans who have not served previously

F 2011	Dr. Key	CGS	HIS	A&H
	Dr. Frank	Coordinator	GER	BAS
	Dr. Dale	CGS	ELE	EDU
	Dr. Wheeler	Faculty	CHM	SCI
S 2012	Dr. Belleville	Faculty	Art	A&H
	Dr. Woodley	Chair	TEC	BAS
	Dr. Lucas	Coordinator	SEC/MST	EDU
	Dr. Allen	CGS	PSY	SCI

### Recent Faculty Marshal History

F 2008	Dr. Wehrle	CGS	HIS	A&H
	Dr. Chinchilla	Faculty	TEC	BAS
	Dr. Dively	CGS	EDA	EDU
	Dr. Bernas	Faculty	PSY	SCI
S 2009	Mr. Johnston	Coordinator	MUS	A&H
	Dr. Willems	Coordinator	MBA	BAS
	Dr. Russell	Chair	ELE	EDU
	Dr. Veale	CGS/Coordinator	CDS	SCI
F 2009	Dr. Hoerschelmann	Coordinator	CMN	A&H
	Dr. Hawkins	Faculty	TEC	BAS
	Dr. Lockhart	Faculty	ELE	EDU
	Dr. Jeff Laursen	CGS	BIO	SCI
S 2010	Dr. Kirk	Coordinator	MUS	A&H
	Dr. Kennedy Hagen	Coordinator	FCS/Dietetics	BAS
	Dr. Heidi Larson	Faculty	CSD	EDU
	Dr. McNitt	CGS	PLS	SCI
F 2010	Dr. Hubschmitt/Coles	Faculty	ART	A&H
	Dr. Bai	CGS	TEC	BAS
	Dr. Mullins	Faculty	SPE	EDU
	Dr. Mertz	Faculty	MAT	SCI
S 2011	Dr. Coles	Coordinator	MUS	A&H
	Dr. Boggs	Faculty	MBA	BAS
	Dr. Walker	Coordinator	KSS	EDU
	Dr. HaileMariam	Coordinator	PSY	SCI