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TO: St. Petersburg Campus Community
FROM: Steve Ritch 
Chair, Commencement Committee
SUBJECT: Proposed Commencement Changes

The Commencement Committee has met twice since May to review the circumstances and solutions relative to the overflow audience at our Commencement Convocation.

Committee members talked with students. Student Government representatives voiced their thoughts. Alternative locations were surveyed in terms of sense of occasion, cost and logistics.

We reached the consensus that the Commencement Convocation should remain in the Mahaffey Theater and that guests should be limited through a ticket system.

We will continue to hear opinions. Student Government has been asked to further poll students, if they believe more student opinions are needed. We will meet again on August 15 to hear final opinions, to develop a detailed plan for equitable ticket distribution, and then to make our formal recommendation to Dean Heller.

If you have comments or suggestions, please forward them to me or to any of the committee members listed below. Your opinions will be considered at our meeting on August 15.

Your ideas are greatly appreciated!

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