

The Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) strongly objects to the resolution supporting a fall undergraduate commencement for the following reasons:

- The addition of a fall commencement may lead to combining undergraduate and graduate commencements again, as was done in Spring 2008, which led to great dissatisfaction on the part of graduate students, their families, and the graduate faculty.
- The additional resources, both financial and human, are unreasonable.
- The Board of Governors rules allow commencement only after final exams have concluded, leaving scheduling of a fall commencement a problem.

Rather, the GSC wants to maintain the current structure with one separate graduate commencement in the spring for graduate students completing degree requirements in the fall, spring, and summer.