

Resolution 1718-10-U
Adopted by the Utica Faculty Assembly
March 22, 2018

Resolution on Venue for Utica Commencement

Whereas the increasing size of graduating classes has made it difficult to hold the annual commencement ceremony in the Field House, and

Whereas seating constraints in the Field House has required rationing of tickets for commencement, and

Whereas the expense of the chair rental required for holding commencement on campus exceeds the cost of renting the downtown Utica Auditorium, and

Whereas having the actual graduation ceremony at the Utica Auditorium may actually enhance the attractiveness of using our campus for ancillary activities associated with commencement, and

Whereas air handling and ventilation at the Utica Auditorium is superior to that of the Field House, and

Whereas the sight lines and acoustics in the Aud are superior to those in the Field House, and

Whereas the layout at the Utica Auditorium facilitates picture-taking by family members in ways not possible in the Field House, and

Whereas the Utica Auditorium can accommodate the procession line-up in inclement weather in a superior manner to the Field House, and

Whereas changes made to the schedule of commencement activities has made it difficult to impossible to continue the long-standing tradition of an academic awards dinner,

Now therefore the Faculty Assembly recommends to the President that effective Spring 2019 the annual Utica commencement ceremony be moved to the Utica Auditorium.