Graduation is an occasion for public and private, formal and informal celebration, but the two forms of celebration should for the most part be kept separate and distinct. The public, formal ceremonies attendant to the conferring of degrees culminate years of work and mark for all to witness an ending and a beginning in the lives of the graduates. Should not be marred for everyone by the inappropriately boisterous behavior of a few. The Faculty Senate regrets the unruly behavior of some degree candidates during recent commencement ceremonies. We ask the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, in conjunction with the Dean of Students and the Deans of the Colleges and other appropriate university officers, to communicate to all the members of the graduating class our earnest request that they conduct themselves during the ceremonies with dignity and decorum, as the occasion and their fellow graduates deserve.

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