Faculty Marshals

Role and Responsibilities:
The Faculty Marshals are members of Faculty who are responsible for lining up the Faculty Procession and leading them from the Robing Room to the ceremony. The Faculty Marshals are also responsible for placing Teaching Prize winners, and any faculty members who indicated in advance that they have family members or students graduating, at the front of the procession so they end up sitting in a convenient location on the stage.

In the Robing Room:
The Robing room for Faculty is in the TELUS Studio Theatre in the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts. If Faculty members have rented a gown from the bookstore, this is where they can be collected.

The University Marshal (Prof. Nancy Hermiston) will provide the Marshals with a diagram of the seating arrangement on stage, including the marked seating for the Teaching Prize Recipient and/or Faculty who have requested specific seating. There will also be a diagram placed on an easel for the Faculty to review.

At the appropriate time, the Faculty Marshal will be notified by one of the staff when the student procession has left the Graduate Student Centre (approximately 20 minutes ahead of ceremony start time). At that point, the Marshal should begin to line up the Faculty. At approximately 10 minutes ahead of the ceremony start time, the Faculty Marshal should go check out the Chan Centre lobby to ensure the students have just about completed their load in to the Concert Hall. Once the lobby is clear, the Faculty Marshal should prepare to escort the Faculty Procession out of the TELUS Studio.

In the Concert Hall:
The Faculty Marshal leads the Procession through the Glass Lobby to the last set of doors of the Chan Shun Concert Hall (across from the washrooms). Once there, please remain in line and do not open the inside door of the Concert Hall until the Chancellor’s Procession has arrived as well. The Senior Marshal, will confirm that all members of the Chancellor’s Procession are in place.

When ready, the Senior Marshal provides this confirmation to the University Marshal who is on stage and who in turn signals the Conductor to begin the procession music. At that point, the Senior Marshal will signal to the Faculty Marshal to enter the Chan Shun Concert Hall and to process on stage.

The Faculty Marshal will then proceed to the front of the Concert Hall, process onto the stage (audience right) and be greeted by the University Marshal who will guide the procession across the stage to the row/rows of seats allocated for the Faculty.
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The University Marshal may ask for additional assistance from the Faculty Marshal during the ceremony to help direct students on stage.

At the end of the ceremony, the Macebearer leads the Chancellor’s Party and Procession out of the Concert Hall, down the stage right steps of the concert hall and into the lobby. The Faculty Procession follows the Chancellor’s Procession off stage. In nice weather, the platform party will proceed out and up the stairs to the Flag Pole Plaza. Occasionally the second row of faculty will be guided to exit stage left to expedite the departure of the processions, however the Faculty Marshal’s row will always exit down the stage right stairs of the stage behind the Chancellor’s Procession.

Please note that the University Marshal is on stage at all times to assist with procession and recession.