

Dear President Barchi:

The University Senate Executive Committee, on behalf of the University Senate, has adopted the attached report and recommendations on Charge S-1405, on Procedures for Selecting Commencement Speakers and Honorary Degree Recipients. The report was written by Senate and Executive Committee Chair Ann Gould, with input from the Executive Committee members. The Senate Executive Committee vice chair is Martha Cotter.

This Senate report is also available online at:

<http://senate.rutgers.edu/EConS1405HonoraryDegreesCommencementSpeakersWithAppendicesJuly2014.pdf>

This matter was undertaken, and this report produced, on a priority basis over the summer, as requested.

Senate Chair Gould would like you to know that the procedure recommended in the report has great potential to succeed given sufficient attention to detail, but that refining it will likely require additional time and input from those who have more experience with the process. Therefore, the report provides for an additional charge to be issued to a Senate standing committee to work on details.

Ann Gould and Martha Cotter are available to discuss this report and its recommendations with you.

This report is transmitted to you on behalf of the University Senate in its advisory capacity.

Ken Swalagin
Executive Secretary of the University Senate