Senate Proclamation  
Monday, October 18th, 2010

We, the ASLC Senate, representing the students of Linfield College, believe that the possibility of not presenting diplomas at commencement needs to be addressed from the point of view of the students it will affect. We believe:

1. Postponing the distribution of diplomas to graduating seniors until after commencement is the least desirable outcome. Diplomas provide immediate confirmation to graduates and affirm the commitment made by supporting friends and family members that Linfield was the best choice for educational success.

2. Providing diplomas is a distinctive hallmark of a Linfield education. It would be unfortunate to move away from the personal experience Linfield College is known for.

3. Alternative solutions to changing this tradition need to be explored. Preferred options include condensing finals from four days to three days, starting the semester one day earlier to prevent the scheduling of Friday finals, or moving reading day to the Friday before finals week. These options would provide more time for grading, while maintaining the tradition of distributing diplomas at commencement.

This reflects the consensus of the ASLC Senate and our constituents through a unanimous Senate final vote. Thank you for considering our views and suggestions.

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Senate President