

National Chung Hsing University

Student Commencement Speaker Selection Directions

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1. Rationale: These Directions have been formulated for the purpose of selecting student commencement speakers from among students graduating in the current year.
2. Organizing unit: Extracurricular Activities Division, Office of Student Affairs.
3. Eligibility: Students graduating in the current year who have demonstrated virtue and academic excellence during their study at NCHU as well as outstanding achievements or conduct on- or off-campus shall be eligible for the application.
4. Application submission:
 - (1) Applications must be submitted before the deadline.
 - (2) Application documents:
 - i. One copy of the Personal Statement
 - ii. One copy of the script for the commencement speech (1,000-1,200 words written in vernacular language, typed in 12-point Standard Kai font on A4 paper; speech should be around five minutes long)
 - iii. Supporting documents for outstanding achievements or conduct while at the University
5. Selection committee: The committee shall be convened by the (Associate) Vice President for Student Affairs, and its members shall also include the Extracurricular Activities Division Chief, the Student Life Division Chief, and two graduate representatives.
6. Selection process:
 - (1) Preliminary selection:
 - i. Each college may recommend one graduating doctoral student or one graduating master's and bachelor's degree student for the final selection.
 - ii. Individual applications: The organizing unit shall evaluate applicants based on the submitted documents and nominate several applicants for the final selection.
 - (2) Final selection:

The final selection shall be conducted in the form of interviews. Nominees shall be asked to each give a five-minute demonstration speech on stage for evaluation by the selection committee based on four criteria: content (40%), articulation (20%), demeanor (20%), and performance (20%). The committee shall select one graduating doctoral student or one graduating master's and bachelor's degree student to be speakers, as well as an alternate candidate for each position. Nominees who fail to participate in the final selection will be disqualified.
7. Each commencement speaker will be awarded a certificate by the University after the graduation ceremony.
8. Commencement speakers (including alternates) will receive instructions from faculty members and are expected to participate in the ceremony rehearsal.

9. Matters unaddressed herein may be clarified by the organizing unit in the annual announcements as needed.
10. These Directions shall come into effect upon approval by the President. The same shall be true when amendments are made.