MINUTES OF GRADUATION MEETING, APRIL 2th

I. Devotional by Dr. Horrell, our Graduating Class Advisor

Dr. Horrell recalled the last five days of the life of Jesus throughout the Gospels. Jesus was disturbed and distress, but he also had tender moments. Dr. Horrell explained how we struggle in our path toward graduation: like Jesus, we have humanness and distress, but we also have tender moments. Jesus is an encouragement to us in these last weeks of school, and we need to encourage each other.

II. Placement Update by Dr. Pettit, Director of Placement Office,

Dr. Pettit introduced to the class the video résumé. Having a video resume can increase job offers by 47%.

If you are interested in a video résumé, please swing by Walvoord 203. Dr. Pettit and the placement office would love to help you. For more information, please e-mail or call Dr. Pettit or the Placement office.

Dr. Pettit’s information is: ppettit@dts.edu. Tel: 214-887-5102.
Placement office’s contact information: placement@dts.edu. Tel: 214-887-5106

III. Graduation Announcements by Dr. Thames, Associate Academic Dean and Chair of the Commencement Committee.

A. Dr. Thames reminded us to keep an eye in commencement website which is regularly being updated. http://www.dts.edu/commencement/

B. Dr. Thames announced our Commencement Chapel Speaker Dr. Michael Easley. In addition, he announced Dr. Carlos López as our speaker for Commencement Chapel on May, Friday 8th. Dr. López is the president of SETECA, the extension that Dallas Seminary has in Guatemala.

C. Dr. Thames highly encouraged participating in all the events the school has prepared for us if we are able to attend them. DTS commencement events are known for being great with commencement activities. Please enjoy them if you can! Your loved ones will want to see you graduating after working hard for so many years!

- Dr. Thames told us that we need to be aware of Graduating Class Excellence Teaching Award voting. We need to vote for the professor who has impacted us the most during our time on DTS.
- The voting will be available online soon.
Graduates need to communicate to professors regarding graduating in order to turn in all school work in time. Deadline of School Work for Spring and Summer Graduates is April 24th, at 4:30pm.

D. Tickets for the Friday night barbecue will be available online for $5 each. These tickets are available on the website now.

E. There will be Child Care provided for Commencement Ceremony at Prestonwood Baptist Church. You can register for child care on the website. Family, friends, and relatives can enjoy the child care, too. Please, register for child care here: http://www.dts.edu/commencement/childcare/

F. Regalia will be available the week of commencement. The sooner you try on your regalia the better! If we see something wrong, we can do appropriate changes on time before commencement. The schedule to pick up the regalia is available in: http://www.dts.edu/commencement/regaliapickup/

IV. Class Chapel by Dave Proulx

Graduating Class Chapel will be on Friday, May 1st. This is the last chapel of the semester. Please, come and join us. This will be the last chapel of our beloved Chaplain Bill. We have prepared video, songs, and Family Feud game. BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE FILL OUT THE SURVEY AT https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PJQDDYN.

If you have any doubts, questions, or concerns, please contact Dave Proulx at daveproulx@mac.com

V. Class Gift

We have 1/3 amount of the amount of money we need for our Oak tree and Isaiah plaque. He also encouraged us to donate if we have not done it yet. There are three options to donate:

- You can donate online throughout the e-mail you got from the school or throughout the commencement website.
  https://www.dts.edu/supporters/donateonline/?gift=true&adsource=dts_directmail

Give the money or checks to Ellen Edmonson, our Gift Chair Officer. Her e-mail: ee2368@gmail.com

Please, if you have any doubt, concerns, or prayer requests, do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to serve you! May the Lord of Grace would help us to finish well and help us to remind faithful to Him!