

**Date introduced: May 19, 2021**

**Date voted upon: May 19, 2021**

**Resolution on Asking the University of Baltimore to Organize a Commencement Ceremony for  
Students did not have one after the COVID-19 Started**  
**Resolution #1 SP 5-21**

**Introduced by:** Senator Hensgen

**Sponsored by:** President Khoshkepazi, Executive Vice President Bridglal, VP of Operations Jenkins, VP of Finance Atsu, Speaker Rabi-Adebayo, Senator Ciscell, Senator Tuthill

**Committee:** Student Affairs

**Written by:** Senator Hensgen

**WHEREAS:** The University of Baltimore did not have a Commencement Ceremony for those students who graduated after Covid-19 began,

**WHEREAS:** The current virtual Ceremony was inappropriate and not a proper replacement for a Commencement Ceremony for what this moment represents for all graduating members of our campus community

**WHEREAS:** It is unjust for the University of Baltimore to organize an in-person Law School Ceremony yet not for anyone else,

**WHEREAS:** Many other schools have had an in person or delayed their Commencement to a further date where an in-person Ceremony would be possible,

**WHEREAS:** The University of Baltimore by not having an in-person Ceremony will not show compassion and proper care to all those students who had showcased resilience in light of the Pandemic, and those who graduated in the face of a pandemic with never-before-seen adversities,

**WHEREAS:** The University of Baltimore has the opportunity to plan a Commencement Ceremony at a later date, and any other form of a decision will not meet the needs of the students.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE ENACTED:**

**Sections One:** The University of Baltimore Student Government Association is formally requesting the University of Baltimore to organize an in-person Commencement Ceremony for all resilient students, who graduate during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Section Two:** The University of Baltimore Student Government Association is formally requesting the University of Baltimore to include the input of students of the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021 who were directly affected by this in the decision making process of planning an alternative commencement ceremony.

**Section Three:** Encase the University of Baltimore is unable to provide an in-person Commencement

Ceremony, SGA will take additional measures to advocate for this cause.

**Section Four:** Upon approval the University of Baltimore Student Government Association will share this resolution with President Schmoke to further the interest of the students.

**Vice President Sabrina Bridglal**

*Sabrina Bridglal* (signature)

**President Daniel Khoshkepazi**

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