

Generic Event Checklist			Staff	Date due for	Status
	Yes	No	Responsible	completion	
• Confirm date and time of event					
• Confirm type of event (dinner, reception , lunch, etc)					
• Develop budget					
• Estimate attendance					
• Choose Venue					
• Meet with Communications re marketing strategy					
o Visual image					
o Printing or electronic invitations					
o Event website					
o Printed program					
• A/V requirements					
o Mic and podium					
o Video of event?					
o Webcasting?					
o Sound					
o Lighting					
o Riser/stage					
o Sound technician					
• Facilities					
o Coordinate cleaning of the room/building					
o Coordinate clean-up after the event					
• Décor					
o Lighting					
o Flowers					
o Banners, flags					
o Balloons					
• Parking					
o Parking passes required for Guests					
o Shuttle for guests to and/from venue					
• Security					
o Event Security					
o Campus road closures					

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	Yes	No		
• Invitation list				
o Compiled				
o Circulated				
o Approved				
• Plaque (or recognition signage)				
o Drafted				
o Circulated				
o Approved				
• Catering				
o Venue site visit				
o Quote				
o Confirmation of contract (incl. rentals)				
o Liquor Licence (if required)				
• Entertainment				
o Obtain Quote				
o Select Performers				
• Confirmation of Speakers				
o # of speakers (Keep to a minimum)				
o Duration of remarks per person (recommended 3-4 mins. )				
o Provide Key Messages				
o Review draft of remarks				
o Liaise with Speech Writer				
o Emcee remarks				
• Programme				
o Order of speakers				
o Protocol (introductions, titles, etc.)				
• Speaker Gifts				
o Gifts for speakers				
• Photographer				
o Create shot list				
o Determine who to staff photographer				
• Media Release ( contact Public Affairs)				
o Content for release				
o Release date				
• Invitations Sent (5 – 6 weeks from event)				
o Electronic				
o Print				

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	Yes	No		
• Special Seating				
o Dinner seating plan				
o Special Reserve Seating				
• RSVP'd				
o Responsibility of				
o Online				
o Print				
o Monitor in case of need for venue change or event set-up				
• Staffing				
o Develop staff/volunteer task list				
o Assign volunteer to specific task				
o Schedule in breaks/meals				
o Provide orientation the day before event				
o Provide FAQ about event and guests				
• Briefing notes to host (Dean, dept head, etc.)				
o Summarize Event				
o Summarize Program				
o # of Guests				
o Alpha list of guests attending				
o Bio of speakers				
o About notable guests				
• Confirm Catering #'s one week before				