University of Puget Sound

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Did your institution have an academic mace before the present one? No.

Was the mace a gift of a person or group? Yes.

If so, who? Board of Trustees.

Who designed and executed the mace? Lloyd Stuckey, Financial Vice President designed mace; local wood carver produced mace from locally available woods.

Do you have any idea of the original cost of the mace? $200 - $300.

Do the particular materials used in your mace have any particular historic significance? No.

Any comments about the symbolism of design, emblems on the mace would be helpful. University seal carved on one side of mace top; other has carved male figure bursting bonds of ignorance and lifting the torch of learning. No other symbols.

What is the size and weight of your mace? 45½" long; about 4 lbs.

Does your institution have a tradition about who is the mace bearer in your academic procession? No tradition. Mace was created for the office of Chancellor. It was only carried in the commencement ceremony of 1973 and 1974. Never again used. Presently stored in the library archives.

Is the mace displayed in a lobby, foyer, library, etc., during the year? It has never been displayed.

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