

1. COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

- 1.01 Commencement exercises are held three times each academic year: at the conclusion of each fall and spring semester and at the close of the second summer session.
- 1.02 The University Convocations Committee reports directly to the President and has primary responsibility for the planning and implementation of each commencement exercise.

2. FACULTY PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

- 2.01 Participation in commencement exercises is an expectation of tenure-track and tenured members of the University faculty.
- 2.02 Temporary faculty appointees and other special instructional personnel also are encouraged to participate in commencement exercises.
- 2.03 Participating faculty shall wear appropriate academic regalia.

3. FACULTY ABSENCE FROM COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

A member of the regular faculty who cannot attend a commencement exercise shall notify in writing his/her department chair or library director, as appropriate.

APPROVED: < signed >
Dana G. Hoyt, President

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CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

This academic policy statement (APS) has been approved by the reviewer(s) listed below and represents SHSU's Division of Academic Affairs' policy from the date of this document until superseded.

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