

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

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_ 1/29/18 \_\_\_\_\_

**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listed below and represents SHSU's Division of Academic Affairs' policy from the date of this document until superseded.

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