



California University of Pennsylvania

POLICY: Commencement

A. Purpose & Scope:

To describe the expectation of faculty at Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement

B. Definition(s):

Commencement: A ceremony at which academic degrees are awarded.

Diploma: A document issued by an educational organization testifying that the recipient has earned a degree or has successfully completed a specific course of study.

Academic regalia: The traditional clothing worn specifically in academic settings. Generally consists of a cap, gown, and hood.

C. Policy:

Commencement at California University represents a time-honored tradition wherein each graduating student receives his/her actual diploma. Commencement is conducted two times each year. Unless scheduled for a Saturday morning class, all faculty members are expected to attend in academic regalia.

D. Procedure(s):

Faculty are expected to congregate in predetermined areas in their academic regalia. They then process as a group into the commencement arena.

E. Effective date: 2005 Faculty Handbook

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Amended: