# **Baccalaureate & Commencement Regalia Policy**

Policy Name: Baccalaureate & Commencement Regalia Policy Approval Authority: President Interpreting and Implementing Authority: Faculty Marshal Effective: September 2021 Last Revised: September 2021 Next Review Date: 5 years from last revised date

## **Policy Statement**

In order to provide graduating seniors with an opportunity to express themselves through graduation regalia, while preserving the institutional traditions of the occasion for others, the following guidelines shall be observed.

## **Entities Affected by the Policy**

The entities affected include all graduating seniors participating in Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies.

## **Policy Details**

Students participating in Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies must wear a College-issued black cap, black tassel, and black gown. The graduation cap should be worn flat on the top of the head, with the tassel on the right. Students should wear shoes for this ceremony that will allow them to process and walk up steps and across the stage safely.

Students may personalize their regalia in the following ways:

- Wearing stoles, cords, or pins of academic standing issued by the College or College-approved entities (e.g., Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, Beta Beta Beta, and honor societies)
- Decorating the top surface of their caps. Cap decorations should be no taller than 1" and should not hang down. Glitter, curse words, and content that is offensive, demeaning, or degrading towards others is not permitted.
- Adding stoles or other markers of tribal, ethnic, or religious identity.

Students must comply with these guidelines in order to participate in Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies.

### **Responsibilities**

Academic Council will provide approval for this policy and any changes. The Provost and Faculty Marshal will oversee the compliance of this policy.

### **Violations of the Policy**

Students who do not comply with this policy will be required to remove and store all unapproved items prior to participating in Baccalaureate and Graduation events.

### Interpreting and Implementing Authority

Faculty Marshal