Adornment of Student Academic Attire

Normally, students wear academic attire (caps, gowns, and hoods) only for Commencement. Adornments to the standard attire, such as cords, stoles, medals, and non-standard tassels, may be issued by university officials, departments, or programs, but must be approved by the Provost and the Vice President for University Life prior to issuance or wearing.

Adornments may be awarded for academic achievement, membership in or service to an academic honor society or other approved national/international organization with which the university is affiliated, or service with distinction to the university or the larger communities of which the university is a member, as determined by the Provost and the Vice President for University Life.

Academic departments, schools, and colleges may present requests for adornments that pertain to their major programs or their academic clubs or honor societies (Co-Curricular Registered Student Organizations) to the Office of the Provost.

All other departments, and officers/advisors of Extracurricular and Co-Institutional Registered Student Organizations, may present their requests to the Office of the Vice President for University Life.

The Provost and the Vice President for University Life have appointed an advisory committee, comprised of faculty recommended by Faculty Council and students recommended by Student Government Association, to meet periodically to review criteria and assist in the consideration of requests that have been submitted.

No adornment may be a duplicate of one that already has been approved or is in use. A list of currently approved adornments will be developed and will appear on the Commencement web site.

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