



Angelo State University
Operating Policy and Procedure

OP 04.07: Commencement

DATE: May 20, 2015

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Operating Policy/Procedure (OP) is to ensure understanding and a standardized approach to the handling of commencement.

REVIEW: This OP will be reviewed in May every three years, or as needed, by the Office of the Provost with recommended revisions forwarded through the provost and vice president for academic affairs to the president by June 15 of the same year.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1. Commencement

- a. All full-time faculty should attend commencement unless specifically excused by the provost and vice president for academic affairs.
- b. Two separate commencement ceremonies are held at the end of the spring and the fall semesters. Colleges will be assigned to a commencement time designed to distribute the number of students as evenly as possible between the ceremonies. Diplomas are mailed to students after commencement or at the end of the second summer term.
- c. The Office of the Registrar is charged with planning and managing commencement. Responsibilities of the Office of the Registrar include, but are not restricted to, proposing changes to the design of the commencement program; approving the seating arrangements and décor of the commencement venue, music and musicians; organizing of the processions, photographing and videotaping of the ceremony; and appointing and assigning of marshals.
- d. Recommendations for major changes in the details of commencement are subject to approval by the Office of the Provost and/or the Office of the President.