Graduation Program Board
Senate Update February 2015

Graduation Program Board
• Policy and advisory committee that advises the President, Provost, and the Commencement Coordinator for University graduation ceremonies
• Members serve a term of three calendar years
• Sherril Gelmon, CUPA, Chair
• Regina Arellano, EMSA
• John Beer, English, CLAS
• Steven Harmon, OAA
• Gerald Recktenwald, MCECS
• Craig Shinn, CUPA
• Emily Keith, Undergraduate Student Representative
• Nicholas Running, Commencement Coordinator

What Does the Board Do?
• Selects student speakers and faculty readers
• Participates in Honorary Degree selection
• Responds to Provost and President on Commencement organization; advises as appropriate
• Makes decisions on elements such as music, program copy, some elements of format of ceremony, merchandise

Commencement 2015
• Sunday, June 14, 2015, Moda Center
• CLAS: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
• Professional Schools and Colleges: 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm
• Two student speakers at each ceremony
• Faculty and staff lunch between ceremonies with presentation of awards
• www.pdx.edu/commencement
Why should faculty attend?

- Celebrate your students’ graduation
- Serve as a faculty marshal
- Hood doctoral graduates
- Be a reader of names
- Contractual responsibility (AAUP)
- Demonstrate value of PSU education
- Be part of the community of family, friends and others honoring our graduates
- Congratulate grads and wish them well!

Faculty Involvement

- Register to attend ceremony
- Encourage your students to apply to be a student speaker (UG/grad at each ceremony)
- Rent your regalia (or rent to buy) – pre-order by April 17, or on-site (limited selection) at Graduation Fair, May 20/21
- Celebrate with colleagues at the faculty lunch/recognition event June 14th
- Volunteer on Saturday June 13th
- “Bring a colleague to commencement”

Academic Professionals Involvement

- Encourage your student leaders and workers to apply to be a student speaker (UG/grad at each ceremony)
- Volunteer on Sunday June 14th
- Be part of the community making commencement a memorable day for our graduates and their families
- “Encourage a colleague to attend commencement”

Questions, Information, Etc.

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