



## SHARED GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (SGC) RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please submit to: [President@stcc.edu](mailto:President@stcc.edu)

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### I: Proposed Recommendation

Establish guidelines for registering and record keeping of graduation regalia accessories for student clubs, organizations and student support programs.

#### Name of Entity Making Recommendation:

##### a. Nature of the Recommendation:

Student Success/Systems of Operation

##### b. Describe current policy/ protocol/ challenge:

Graduation regalia includes caps, gowns and tassels, plus special regalia that denote traditions of academic achievement (only those who have achieved an academic honor or are members of an academic honors society are entitled to wear the special regalia). There is no cost to students for the graduation regalia including caps, gowns, black tassels with a charm denoting the year, and academic honors tassels (red, silver or gold), these are provided by the college.

In regards to graduation regalia *accessories* including stoles, chords, or medals, there is currently no process in place for college clubs, organizations and or student support programs to register their intent to distribute these additional items to graduates.

#### Current stoles and cords in use:

- **Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society - PTK** - members may purchase tassels, stoles and/or cords through organization.
- **National Society for Leadership and Success – NSLS** - members may purchase tassel charms, stoles, cords or medals through organization.
- **TRIO** – distribute stoles to graduates who participated in TRIO student support services.
- **Veteran Student Services** – distribute Red, White and Blue Cords to active military and veteran students.



Proposed for Commencement 2024:

- **Student Government & Student Ambassadors** – Stoles to be distributed to student leaders who participated in these organizations during the current year.
- **MILE & Lead** – Stoles to be distributed to those who participated in these support services.
- **Veteran's Club** – Camo Stoles to be distributed by Veteran & Military Services Office to club members only.

**c. Describe recommended policy/protocol change, and the benefit/impact:**

STCC graduates are welcome to wear cords, stoles, and medals representing their achievements and membership in STCC recognized clubs, organizations and student support programs. Students will be encouraged to check with their respective clubs, organizations and/or student support programs to determine if graduation regalia accessories are available. Students will be responsible if any fees are associated with these items if they are not sponsored/provided by the club, organization and/or student support program.

It is recommended that STCC sponsored clubs, organizations and support programs who plan to provide stoles, cords or medals to graduates register them with the Office of Student Activities & Development through a Google form. The office will maintain and update the list annually. An example form has been created and provided here: <https://forms.gle/h7DeBrhZMGaq2nmX9>. This form will be provided to college staff who inquire about the guidelines. Students will not have access to this form.

**d. Describe background and rational for how the recommendation was generated (involvement of staff-faculty-students-governance bodies), include any supporting data, reports, survey results, research, et al.:**

The following list represents involvement of students, staff, etc. contributing to the discussion and this subsequent proposal.

- Graduation Committee
- Christian Dejesus, Academic Coordinator for Lead: Female Leadership & Mentoring Program and Male Initiative for Leadership and Education (MILE)
- Andrea Tarpey, Student Activities & Development
- Darcey Kemp, Vice President of Student Affairs

- Dr. Kimberly Reese, Academic Counselor, Veteran & Military Services

Wearing stoles, cords and medals for graduation is a way for students to acknowledge their fields of study, honor society memberships, and affiliations with recognized clubs, organizations and student support programs. (See samples below).

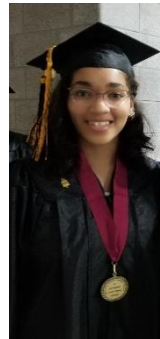
STOLE



CORD



MEDAL



These type of regalia accessories serve as a visual representation of the student's dedication and achievements throughout their academic journey. It is something they can wear proudly and gives them a connection to the college that they may treasure from their success at STCC.

**Date submitted:**

**II: Recommendation Review**

Shared Governance Council Review and Consideration (Date):

Generated Consensus (minutes made available):

Next Steps (as needed):

**III: Presidential Action**

Decision on the Recommendation:

Rationale/Summary:

Date of Presentation to STCC Trustees:

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(Signature)

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(Date)

