

February 23, 2017

Dear Colleagues:

Dates for the university's Spring 2017 Commencement were recently announced, and I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to participate in your college's ceremony. Commencement is a significant celebration for our graduating students and their families. Faculty play a critical role in the success of students, and it's only fitting that faculty also share in the celebration of that success. The Spring 2017 Commencement will be conducted in three ceremonies to be held May 13 and May 14, 2017, in the Alamodome.

Saturday, May 13

10:00 a.m.

College of Liberal and Fine Arts
College of Public Policy
University College

Saturday, May 13

4:00 p.m.

College of Architecture, Construction and Planning
College of Business
College of Engineering

Sunday, May 14

2:00 p.m.

College of Education and Human Development
College of Sciences

For your convenience, please follow the link May 2017 Commencement Faculty Participation (located in the email body accompanying this letter) to indicate your participation in your college's ceremony no later than Monday, April 17. This will then be forwarded to your Dean's office from the Special Events Center. *If you are assigned a commencement responsibility (banner marshal or university marshal), it is not necessary for you to complete the form to indicate your participation.*

Shuttle service is being provided this semester for all faculty participants. Details regarding the shuttle service will be included in the Faculty Participants Instructions that will be sent out by the Special Events Center closer to the ceremonies.

Also attached is a memo from the UTSA Bookstore that provides information about regalia rental and purchase. The deadline for **purchase** of academic regalia is **Tuesday, March 7, 2017**. The deadline for **rental** of academic regalia is **Friday, April 14, 2017**.

If you have questions concerning Commencement, please contact Charlin Jones-Chávez, Assistant Director for Special Events (extension 6110), or contact your college's graduation coordinator.

I deeply appreciate your commitment to our students and hope to see you at the Spring 2017 Commencement ceremonies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Agrawal', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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