A. INTRODUCTION
The purpose of this policy is to address the issue of regalia that can be worn at the Main Commencement Ceremony. Long-standing guidance from the Faculty Senate is included in this policy.

B. POLICY
The following are details of the policy. The policy is designed to preserve the appropriate level of recognition of students graduating with various honors.

1. Medals
The undergraduate degree candidate (or degree candidates) who is graduating with the highest GPA (see LSU General Catalog for specific requirements) wears the University Medal. No other medals will be authorized.

2. Cords
Undergraduate degree candidates who will graduate with Latin Honors wear cords. Purple and gold cords are worn by degree candidates who graduate with Latin Honors. White cords are worn by undergraduate degree candidates who graduate with Upper Division Honors. Cords are not authorized to be worn by any other graduates.

3. Hoods
Undergraduate degree candidates graduating with College Honors wear the white undergraduate hood. Hoods are not authorized to be worn by other undergraduate degree candidates.

4. Other Adornments
All adornments (stoles, ribbons, sashes, etc.) must be approved by the Office of Academic Affairs at least 30 days prior to the graduation ceremony. Letters or e-mails requesting approval should be sent to registrar@lsu.edu. The recognition of individuals via these adornments must be based on exceptional academic achievement. Requirements for bestowing such recognition must include an academic component. Because the Commencement ceremony recognizes the membership of degree recipients in a community of educated men and women that is characterized by mutuality and collegiality, the granting of exceptions to regalia rules is rare. One long-standing exception is the approval of the wearing of Kinte Stoles bestowed by the African American Cultural Center.