2012 OSU COMMENCEMENT – SUNDAY, JUNE 17 - UPDATE FOR FACULTY SENATE, 5-10-2012

The estimated start time for the event (time when the first graduates enter Reser stadium) on June 17 is 3:30 p.m. We expect 3,500 to 4,000 students to participate and about 35,000 guests to attend the ceremony.

The 2012 graduation will be a ticketed event for “spectators”. However, as in previous commencements, faculty may participate in the 2012 commencement ceremony by serving as a Ph.D. Escort, Faculty Representative, or Marshal. Faculty who wish to participate in one of these roles must register or volunteer in advance.

- **Faculty Escorts** who plan to accompany doctoral candidates will receive a memo from the Graduate School toward the end of May.
- **Faculty Representatives** dress in academic regalia and participate in the processional across campus and into Reser Stadium where they will be seated as a group for the ceremony. There will be approx 100 seats available on the stadium floor for Faculty Representatives; specific information regarding volunteering to be a faculty representative will be posted on the Commencement website in the near future.
- **Faculty Marshals** dress in academic regalia and are responsible for lining up the graduates for the procession, seating at the stadium and for the diploma distribution. Chris Bell, Chief Marshal has been working with each college to staff marshals. There are still some positions available – please contact Chris is you would like to volunteer:
  Chris.A.Bell@Oregonstate.edu

Faculty and staff have also volunteered to greet ticketed guests, distribute programs, etc. The response has been very strong – at this time no additional volunteers are needed. Please see the website in case extra volunteers are needed as we near June 17.

**Tickets:** After accommodating family and friends of our graduates, a limited number of admission tickets (no charge but this is a ticketed event) available in the general audience for students, faculty and staff. Information regarding ticket availability is provided on the Commencement website: [http://oregonstate.edu/events/commencement/](http://oregonstate.edu/events/commencement/)

**TIMELINE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 17:**

13:15  Faculty Marshals gather in the MU and Library Quads
13:30  Graduates assemble in the quads
13:45  Faculty Escorts and Faculty Representatives assemble in the Library Quad
14:30  Final line-up for the Procession
14:45  Procession starts
15:30  Procession enters Reser Stadium
16:30  Seating of the Graduates is completed; Platform Party enters
16:40  Start of Ceremony
18:15  Diploma Distribution begins (complete by ~19:30)

Chris Bell
Chief Marshal