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RCW 28B.50.140(12) authorizes the Big Bend Community College Board of Trustees to “grant to every student, upon graduation or completion of a course of study, a suitable diploma, degree, or certificate under the rules of the state board for community and technical colleges that are appropriate to their mission.”

Diploma covers, representing conferred diplomas, degrees, and certificates, are distributed to students at commencement following or pending successful completion of academic requirements as described in the *BBCC Catalog* by a member of the Big Bend Community College Board of Trustees, by the President of Big Bend, or by the president’s designee.

The BBCC trustees value the concept of inclusion in the graduation ceremony as a strategy for respecting and honoring “community” in the name Big Bend Community College. Accordingly, the trustees authorize the college president to establish administrative procedures by which members of the college community may participate in the distribution of diploma covers to graduates at commencement. Disruptions to the official ceremony should be kept to a minimum while not denying a familial relationship.

Legal Reference: BP 1000 Policy Governance–By Laws

 BP 1004 Delegation of Appointing Authority

 AP 3500 Position Description: President

 BP 6400 Honorary Degree

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