

Fullerton College

2016 Commencement Options

Commencement is currently scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2016. This date conflicts with the high school graduation ceremonies scheduled for the week of May 23 – including Friday, May 27.

Options	Positives	Other Considerations
1. Use CSUF facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spacious Relatively close proximity to FC Could likely be held outside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking could be a major issue Must schedule around their events Not on FC campus; may be a challenge for persons not familiar with the CSUF layout to maneuver campus Rental cost and other logistical costs Rain plan could be a concern
2. Off-Site Rental of Location for Friday, May 27, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No parking issues Would likely be inside; rain plan would not be an issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campus/area familiarity would be eliminated Change of venue, change of culture Would need to monitor traffic patterns
3. Cypress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sister College Would be held outside Rain plan could be the same as Cypress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rain plan may be insufficient for the size of our commencement Cypress commencement is scheduled the same day FC would have to offer an earlier time on May 27...time may create an inconvenience for some family members Travel to CC location may create an inconvenience for some persons – just as any off-campus site could
4. FHS Stadium, Friday, May 20 (one week earlier)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing would change except the date of commencement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates greater stress on A&R staff Final exams would occur after commencement Integrity of printed program would be compromised more Printing timeline would change for PIO Catering services could be impacted
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5. FC Football Field, Friday,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On FC Campus, familiarity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking would be a

<p>May 27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slight change is driving for families – but nothing significant • Sufficient entrances to field • Rain plan remains the same 	<p>significant challenge; FHS uses our parking facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential traffic jam would result from FC and FHS guests competing for the surface streets for entrance and exiting
<p>6. FC at FHS Stadium, Saturday, May 28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would prefer a morning ceremony because of the Memorial Day on the following Monday • Rain plan remains the same 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FHS and FC staff cannot turn the FHS stadium set-up around in time for a morning ceremony (physical orientation for FHS is different from FC) • Would have to schedule Commencement for late afternoon on Saturday • Late starting Saturday ceremony would impact Memorial Day celebrations more than an earlier/morning ceremony • Must consider faculty buy-in for change of day from Friday to Saturday
<p>FC Football Field, Saturday, May 28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beautiful field • Familiar location (FC campus) • Rain plan would remain the same • Parking would not be an issue – no competition • Ample seating could be provided • Area has been assessed and approved by FC Facilities team • Would hold during the morning which would allow ample time to begin the Memorial Day events • Would be “at home” • No additional costs beyond the normally occurring costs • Families could leave and go to lunch/brunch with their graduates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must consider faculty buy-in for change of day from Friday to Saturday • Memorial Day Saturday may be a concern for some persons