

Fairmont State University Board of Governors
Policy #6
Effective date: December 5, 2001

TITLE: USE OF INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES

SECTION 1. GENERAL

1.1 Scope: This rule governs use of institutional facilities by persons or groups.

1.2 Authority: West Virginia Code §18B-1-6, 18B-10-15

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SECTION 2. POLICY INTRODUCTION

2.1 Facilities at Fairmont State University are intended for use in the conduct of educational programs. As such, first priority for the use of facilities will be given to the academic, administrative and student functions at each institution.

2.2 In its many aspects of service to the public, the University also recognizes the need and permits the use of facilities which may provide benefits otherwise not available in the community. Consideration of requests from campus and off-campus groups will be guided by the following policy statements.

SECTION 3. USE BY OFF-CAMPUS GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS (NONSTATE EMPLOYEE)

3.1 It is the policy of the Fairmont State University Board of Governors to permit the use of institutional facilities by the general community in a manner which does not compete with the ongoing programs of the University. The community use of a University facility must have an educational or cultural purpose and must have a campus sponsor. The facilities that will be made available to noncampus groups will tend to be of a nature which is unique in the community.

3.2 Use of campus facilities by noncampus individuals or organizations will be permitted within the following guidelines:

3.2.1 Facilities and support services will be made available only to the extent that their proposed use is not in conflict with the regular programs of the institution.

3.2.2 The nature of the activities of the noncampus users shall not be potentially physically disruptive of the campus. For instance, local noise ordinances must be obeyed. While this policy may not be construed to preclude use of facilities based on political philosophy, race, religion, or creed of the sponsor, the nature of the activities to be conducted on the campus shall not be illegal under the Constitution or laws of the State of West Virginia or the United States.

3.2.3 A standard rental/lease agreement accompanied by evidence of such insurance protection as may be required to adequately protect the institution shall be executed by the campus sponsor and also be signed by a responsible officer of the noncampus organization desiring to use a campus facility. See Attachment A.

3.2.4 All charges assessed for the use of campus facilities shall be sufficient at least to cover all identifiable costs of both a direct and indirect nature except that charges for indirect costs may be waived at the discretion of the institution for nonprofit organizations and/or public bodies of the State of West Virginia, such as county school systems, etc. All charges must be reasonable, charged equally to all similar groups, and be published in advance. In turn, such groups using campus facilities may charge admission, but only for the purpose of covering the direct and indirect cost of the sponsored activities. All surplus revenue derived from the conduct of an event will accrue to the benefit of the institution, except for public or nonprofit groups for which this provision may be waived. An exception to the surplus revenue provision may be granted for certain programs offered during the summer months where the activity generates significant revenues to the housing and dining accounts of the institution.

3.2.5 Requests for the use of facilities by off-campus groups will be reviewed and evaluated by the Facilities Administration Council. Application forms for requesting the use of facilities may be obtained from and submitted to the Office of the Assistant to the President. (See Attachment B.) Applications will be evaluated by the Council in relation to current University needs and community requests. The decision of the Council will be conveyed to the applicant in writing. Upon receipt of approval to use a campus facility, the non-university group must file standard rental/lease agreement and evidence of insurance coverage with the Office of the Assistant to the President. The Facilities Administration Council will from time to time develop and revise rules and regulations for the use of facilities. Such rules and regulations must be approved by the President of the University.

3.2.6 The fee schedule for use of University facilities by non-university groups is shown in Attachment C. The usage fee includes the base plus any supplemental fees. The base fee includes maintenance and upkeep, utilities, administrative and management support, and a service fee. Supplemental fees are charged for use of and set up of staging, tables, chairs, etc..., as well as for custodial and other special services.

3.2.7 All charges are applied equally to all groups except that charges for indirect costs may be waived for other state agencies and usually for county school systems. If a county school or other state agency charges a fee to participants in an activity for which the school/agency is using a University facility, indirect charges will not be waived.

3.2.8 No direct costs will be waived.

SECTION 4. USE BY CAMPUS GROUPS FOR NONTRADITIONAL PROGRAMS (STATE EMPLOYEE)

4.1 It shall be the University's policy to permit its facilities to be made available for use by recognized campus units to conduct educational or cultural programs, including youth camps, for which fees are charged and from which staff members may be paid beyond their regular annual salary. The following guidelines will apply for these activities:

4.1.1 Faculty and staff members who conduct nontraditional programs may be compensated on the basis of the number of attendees, hours worked, or percentage of net revenue. The conditions for such payments are that: extra compensation for the activity be paid from funds other than state appropriations allocated by the Higher Education

Policy Commission; and the amount of combined nontraditional and consulting activity for which additional compensation is received is consistent with institutional policy and, where twelve month employees are involved, annual leave is taken. Institutional officials will be responsible for approval of employees' participating in programs covered by this policy and for maintenance of employees' records of annual leave and/or consulting time.

4.1.2 All revenues and expenditures shall be handled by the business office of the institution. All revenues from these programs shall be deposited into the appropriate state special revenue account. Charges for special services provided by the institution may be deducted from revenues; however, the institution may require that a deposit be made in advance of such services.

4.1.3 A formal agreement shall be developed and signed by an authorized representative of the group or unit responsible for the program and the President of the University or his/her designee. Said agreement shall establish the responsibilities of the institution and the sponsor, including detailed financial obligations to the institution from revenues. All agreements must ensure that the institution will receive reimbursement for all identifiable direct and indirect costs.

4.1.4 Programs must be sponsored by the institution. The name to be used for the program is left to the discretion of the institution.

4.1.5 All personnel receiving compensation for the involvement in the programs must be paid on a regular state payroll or a standard 48 or 48-A service agreement, as prescribed by the original contract agreement.

4.1.6 All publicity must indicate that checks for payment of fees are to be made payable to the institution and not to an individual or outside organization.

4.1.7 Adequate insurance must be underwritten by the sponsors of the program.

SECTION 5. SCHEDULING UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES BY UNIVERSITY UNITS, ORGANIZATIONS, ETC.

5.1 All classes will be scheduled by the Office of the Registrar with the approval of the University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

5.2 All other University activities including, but not limited to, meetings, conferences, workshops, dramas, musical performances, and athletic events will be scheduled by the Office of, and with the approval of, the Assistant to the President before the scheduling may be considered final.

5.3 School and departmental meetings and meetings of Senate and University committees and councils which do not require special facilities and which are limited to their membership are exempt from the requirement in 5.2 above.

5.4 Any class requirement for a facility other than a classroom or laboratory will be presented for approval to the Facilities Administration Council through the University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

5.5 All activities other than classes will be scheduled through the Assistant to the President.

SECTION 6. SELLING OF ARTICLES ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTY

6.1 All solicitation and selling of products and articles on property under the jurisdiction of the University is prohibited except by organizations and groups directly connected with the University and upon written approval of the President.

SECTION 7. GENERAL

7.1 The President shall designate the administrator(s) of this policy. A standard rental/lease agreement approved by the Board its representative shall be used, along with any other forms needed to execute this rule.

7.2 It is not the intent of this rule to cover noncredit instruction offerings, as identified in Series 50 of the Higher Education Policy Commission.