

## EXTERIOR SPACE USE

Essential to the nature and mission of the University are the creation of a marketplace of ideas and the exchange of information. This policy is intended to provide for the orderly use of the exterior spaces on the campus of Western Washington University for the organized dissemination of information, production of planned events, and other activities which might have an impact on the normal operation of the University.

While the outdoor, public forum of the campus is open to all who wish to discuss and debate, specific guidelines are essential in order to assure that the instructional process is not interrupted.

### A. SCHEDULING

All outside activities with a potential impact on the normal conduct of the University's operation must be scheduled through the Viking Union Reservations Office. Outside activity space requests must be approved beforehand with request of a particular space through the Viking Union Reservations Office, at which time the following will take place:

- a. Verification of authority of requesting party to reserve space on campus and clarification of event specifics.
- b. Verification of availability of space/check for potential conflict with other activities. Referral to appropriate office if covered under exemptions in section D , or other University requirements, in which case further review would follow that office's procedures. However, processing for all student and off-campus groups will follow procedures contained herein.
- c. Examination of potential effect on ongoing activity of the University, including contacting offices or departments which may be impacted if necessary.
- d. Review by other administrative officials if necessary, due to scope or impact of program, e.g., unusual space, precedent possibilities.
- e. Approval or denial by Director of the Viking Union/Student Activities. Approval may contain specific requirements as a condition of approval.
- f. Distribution of approved event information to Vice President for Student Affairs, Space Administration, Public Safety, Grounds and any party with a particular interest in a certain activity.

- g. Inclusion in the Reservations System and distribution through the "University Events Report" which is produced daily and available in the Viking Union Administrative Office, as well as the Viking Union Information Desk.

The following regulations shall apply and shall not prohibit the application of the specific conditions on particular uses.

## **B. NOISE**

While classes or related activities are in session, no sound amplification, or other activities which might generate noise above the ambient level or otherwise interfere with the normal operation of the University, shall be permitted in the proximity of classroom or office facilities.

## **C. DAMAGE**

1. Activities may not cause damage to University facilities or grounds.
2. Outdoor art may be used only to the extent for which it was designed. No materials may be affixed to artwork.

## **D. ACTIVITY RESPONSIBILITY**

Responsibility for specific activities are assigned as follows. Such activities may not conflict with section A through section C above.

- a. The sale of goods or services is restricted to the Viking Union Plaza and covered in a separate policy governing "The Sale of Goods and Services."
- b. The scheduling of athletic field space shall be through the Office of Campus Recreation.
- c. Assigned spaces, such as courts adjacent to Residence Halls, shall be scheduled by the department to which they are assigned.

**Interpretation and Enforcement:** VU Administration

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