Chapter 132F-136 WAC

POLICY ON THE USE OF THE COLLEGE FACILITIES

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132F-136-010 Use of college facilities. Because the Seattle Community College is an educational institution provided and maintained by the people of the state, its campus, buildings, properties, and facilities shall be reserved at all times for those activities which either are related directly to its educational mission or are justifiable on the basis of their contributions to the cultural, social, or economic development of the state.

[Order 3, § 132F-136-010, filed 9/20/72.]

WAC 132F-136-020 Limitation of use to school activities. The college buildings, properties, and facilities, including those assigned to student programs, may be used only for:

(1) The regularly established teaching, research, or public service activities of the college and its departments or related agencies.

(2) Cultural, educational, or recreational activities of the students or of the faculty or staff.

(3) Short courses, conferences, seminars, or similar events, conducted either in the public service or for the advancement of specific departmental professional interests, when arranged under the sponsorship of the college or its departments.

(4) Public events of a cultural or professional nature brought to the campus at the request of college departments or committees and presented with their active sponsorship and active participation.

(5) Activities or programs sponsored by educational institutions, by state or federal agencies, by charitable agencies or civic or community organizations whose activities are of widespread public service and of a character appropriate to the college.

(6) College facilities shall be assigned to student organizations for regular business meetings, social functions and for programs open to the public. Any recognized campus student organization may invite speakers from outside the college community. In conformance with state guidelines, the appearance of an invited speaker on campus does not represent an endorsement by the college, its students, faculty, administration or the board of trustees, whether implicit or explicit, of the speaker’s views.

(7) Reasonable conditions may be imposed to regulate the timeliness of requests, to determine the appropriateness of space assigned, time of use, and to insure the proper maintenance of the facilities. Subject to the same limitations, college facilities shall be made available for assignment to individuals or groups within the college community. Such arrangements by both organizations and individuals must be made through the designated administrative officer. Allocation of space shall be made in accordance with published college regulations and on the basis of time, space availability, priority of request and the demonstrated needs of the individual, group or organization.

(8) Use of space shall not interfere with regularly scheduled classes or activities. Physical abuse of assigned facilities may result in limitation of future allocation of space to the offending parties. Charges may be imposed for damage or for any unusual costs for the use of facilities. The individual, group or organization requesting space will be required to state in advance the general purpose of any meeting. If any charge or collection of funds is contemplated, advance permission from the party giving authority for space allocations will be required.

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WAC 132F-136-030 Limitation of use. (1) Primary consideration shall be given at all times to activities specifically related to the college's mission, and no arrangements shall be made that may interfere with, or operate to the detriment of, the college's own teaching, research, or public service programs.

(2) In general, the facilities of the college shall not be rented to, or used by, private or commercial organizations or associations, nor shall the facilities be rented to persons or organizations conducting programs for private gain.

(3) College facilities may not be used for commercial sales, advertising, or promotional activities except when such activities clearly serve educational objectives (as in display of books of interest to the academic community or in the display or demonstration of technical or research equipment) and when they are conducted under the sponsorship or at the request of a college department, administrative office or student organization.

(4) College facilities may not be used for purposes of political campaigning by or for candidates who have filed for public office except for student-sponsored activities.

(5) Activities of commercial or political nature will not be approved if they involve the use of promotional signs or posters on buildings, trees, walls, or bulletin boards, or the distribution of samples outside rooms or facilities to which access has been granted.

(6) College facilities are available to recognized student groups, subject to these general policies and to the rules and regulations of the college governing student affairs.

(7) Handbills, leaflets, and similar materials except those which are commercial, obscene, or unlawful in character may be distributed only in designated areas on the campus where,
and at times when, such distribution shall not interfere with the orderly administration of the college affairs or the free flow of traffic. Any distribution of materials as authorized by the designated administrative officer and regulated by established guidelines shall not be construed as support or approval of the content by the college community or the board of trustees.

(8) Use of audio amplifying equipment is permitted only in locations and at times that will not interfere with the normal conduct of college affairs as determined by the appropriate administrative officer.

(9) No person or group may use or enter onto college facilities having in their possession firearms, even if licensed to do so, except commissioned police officers as prescribed by law.

(10) The right of peaceful dissent within the college community shall be preserved. The college retains the right to insure the safety of individuals, the continuity of the educational process, and the protection of property. While peaceful dissent is acceptable, violence or disruptive behavior is an illegitimate means of dissent. Should any person, group or organization attempt to resolve differences by means of violence, the college and its officials need not negotiate unless such methods are employed.

(11) Orderly picketing and other forms of peaceful dissent are protected activities on and about the college premises. However, interference with free passage through areas where members of the college community have a right to be, interference with ingress and egress to college facilities, interruption of classes, injury to persons, or damage to property exceeds permissible limits.

(12) Peaceful picketing and other orderly demonstrations are permitted in public areas and other places set aside for public meetings in college buildings. Where college space is used for an authorized function, such as a class or a public or private meeting under approved sponsorship, administrative functions or service related activities, groups must obey or comply with directions of the designated administrative officer or individual in charge of the meeting.

(13) If a college facility abuts a public area or street, and if student activity, although on public property, unreasonably interferes with ingress and egress to college buildings, the college may choose to impose its own sanctions although remedies might be available through local law enforcement agencies.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28B.50 RCW. 84-21-031 (Order 44, Resolution No. 1984-22), § 132F-136-030, filed 10/10/84; Order 35, § 132F-136-030, filed 11/21/77; Order 26, § 132F-136-030, filed 9/16/75; Order 3, § 132F-136-030, filed 9/20/72.]

WAC 132F-136-040 Administrative control. The board hereby delegates to the chancellor authority to set up administrative procedures for proper review of the use of college facilities; to establish, within the framework of these policies, regulations governing such use; and to establish rental schedules where appropriate.

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WAC 132F-136-050 Trespass. (1) Individuals who are not students or members of the faculty or staff and who violate these regulations will be advised of the specific nature of the violation, and if they persist in the violation, they will be requested by the campus president, or his designee, to leave the college property. Such a request will be deemed to prohibit the entry of, withdraw the license or privilege to enter onto or remain upon any portion of the college facilities by the person or group of persons requested to leave, and subject such individuals to arrest under the provisions of chapter 9A.52 RCW.

(2) Members of the college community (students, faculty, and staff) who do not comply with these regulations will be reported to the appropriate college office or agency for action in accord with established college policies.

(3) Persons who violate or are in violation of a district policy may have their license or privilege to be on district property revoked and be ordered to refrain from entering upon any district property. Remaining on or reentering district property after one's license or privilege to be on district property has been revoked shall constitute trespass and such individual shall be subject to arrest for criminal trespass.

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WAC 132F-136-060 Prohibited conduct at college facilities. (1) State law relative to public institutions govern the use or possession of intoxicants on campus or at college functions. The possession of unlawful narcotics or drugs, not medically prescribed, on college property or at college functions, is prohibited. Students obviously under the influence of intoxicants, unlawful drugs or narcotics while in college facilities shall be subject to disciplinary action.

(2) A lottery or any other form of gambling is prohibited at Seattle Community College District.

(3) The use of tobacco is restricted by law and by regulations of the fire marshal to designated smoking areas.

(4) Destruction of property is also prohibited by state law in reference to public institutions.

[Order 35, § 132F-136-060, filed 11/21/77.]

WAC 132F-136-070 Control of pets in college facilities. Pets are not permitted in campus buildings or on the grounds except guide dogs for the totally or legally blind persons as provided in chapter 70.84 RCW (the white cane law).

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