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USE OF COLLEGE FACILITIES

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WAC 495B-140-010 Use of college facilities. Bellingham Technical College serves Whatcom County by providing continued educational opportunity for its citizens. In keeping with this general purpose, the college believes that facilities should be available for a variety of uses which are of benefit to the general public if such general uses do not interfere with the educational mission of the college. However, a state agency is under no obligation to make its public facilities available to the community for private purposes.

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WAC 495B-140-020 Limitation of use to college activities. (1) When allocating use of college facilities, the highest priority is always given to activities specifically related to the college's mission. No arrangements will be made that may interfere with or operate to the detriment of, the college's own teaching, research, or public service programs. In particular, college buildings, properties, and facilities, including those assigned to student programs, are used primarily for:

(a) The regularly established teaching, research, or public service activities of the college and its departments;

(b) Cultural, educational, or recreational activities of the students, faculty, or staff;

(c) 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.

(d) 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;

(e) 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.

(2) 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

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community. 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, implicitly or explicitly, of the speaker's views.

(3) 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. Arrangements by both organizations and individuals must be made through the designated administrative officer. Allocation of space shall be made in accordance with college rules and on the basis of time, space, priority of request and the demonstrated needs of the applicant.

(4) The college may restrict an individual's or a group's use of college facilities if that person or group has, in the past, physically abused college facilities. 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.

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WAC 495B-140-030 Statement of intentions. The college neither intends nor desires to compete with any local agency or private enterprise in making its facilities available to the community. Privately operated facilities exist which are well qualified to best meet many community needs. The college encourages the community to patronize local businesses or agencies. With this approach, the college will work cooperatively with local private enterprise to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

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WAC 495B-140-040 General policies limiting use. (1) 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 or forums.

(2) Religious groups shall not, under any circumstances, use the college facilities as a permanent meeting place. Use may be intermittent only.

(3) The college reserves the right to prohibit the use of college facilities by groups which restrict membership or participation in a manner inconsistent with the college's commitment to nondiscrimination as set forth in its written policies and rules.

(4) Activities of a political or commercial nature will not be approved if they involve the use of promotional signs or posters on buildings, trees, walls, or bulletin boards, or the

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distribution of samples outside the rooms or facilities to which access has been granted.

(5) These rules shall apply to recognized student groups using college facilities.

(6) Handbills, leaflets, and similar materials except those which are commercial, obscene, or unlawful may be distributed only in designated areas on the campus where, and at times when, such distribution will 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 shall not be construed as support or approval of the content by the college community or the board of trustees.

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

(8) No person or group may use or enter onto college facilities having in their possession firearms or weapons, except as prescribed by law.

(9) The right of peaceful dissent within the college community will be preserved. The college retains the right to take steps 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 not a legitimate 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 while such methods are employed.

(10) 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.

(11) 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.

(12) 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 also be available through local law enforcement agencies.

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WAC 495B-140-050 Administrative control. The board hereby delegates to the president authority to set up administrative procedures for the use of college facilities; and to establish rental schedules where appropriate.

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WAC 495B-140-060 Trespass. (1) Individuals who are not students or members of the faculty or staff and who violate these rules will be advised of the specific nature of the

violation, and if they persist in the violation, they will be requested by the president, or his or her designee, to leave the college property. Such a request prohibits the entry of and withdraws 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. Such persons shall be subject 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 accordance with these rules.

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WAC 495B-140-070 Prohibited conduct at college facilities. (1) The use or possession of unlawful drugs or narcotics, not medically prescribed, or of intoxicants on college property or at college functions, is prohibited. Students obviously under the influence of intoxicants, unlawful drugs or narcotics while in college facilities are subject to disciplinary action.

(2) The use of tobacco is prohibited in accordance with health regulations.

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

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WAC 495B-140-080 Control of pets in college facilities. Pets are not permitted in campus buildings or on the grounds except guide or service dogs for the visually or hearing impaired.

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WAC 495B-140-090 Basis of fee assessment. (1) The basis for establishing and charging use fees reflects the college's assessment of the present market, the cost of operations, and an evaluation of the intended purpose and its relationship to the purposes of this college. The board of trustees has determined that groups or organizations affiliated with the college should be permitted access to facilities at the lowest charge on the fee schedule which may include complimentary use. A current fee schedule is available to interested persons from the business office.

(2) The college does not wish to compete with private enterprise. Therefore, the college reserves the right to deny applications for facility use when the administration and/or the board of trustees feels a commercial facility should be patronized. At no time will facility use be granted for a commercial activity at a rental rate, or upon terms, less than the full and fair rental value of premises used.

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WAC 495B-140-100 Application procedures. (1) At least seven working days prior to date of intended use of any college facility, an authorized representative of the requesting organization must submit proper and complete written application which may be obtained through the college's

office of continuing education. A single application may be sufficient for a series of meetings by an organization unless those meetings vary significantly in some substantive way; if so, separate applications will be required.

(2) Upon approval of the application, an authorized representative of the using organization shall sign the rental agreement. By affixing a signature as representing the using organization, the signatory specifies he or she has authority to enter into agreement on behalf of the organization. If the organization fails to pay the amount due, the signatory becomes responsible for all charges, which may include interest payment for overdue accounts, as specified on the rental form but not less than one percent per month.

(3) For large events, events requiring expenditures on the part of the college, or where significant areas are blocked out for the renter, a minimum of up to fifty percent advance deposit may be required at the time of application.

(4) The college reserves the right to make pricing changes without prior written notice.

(5) Use of a facility is limited to the facilities specified on the agreement.

(6) The priorities for facility use place primary emphasis on regular college events and activities. The president and the board of trustees reserve the right to cancel any permit and refund any payments for use of college facilities and equipment when they deem such action advisable and in the college's best interests.

(7) In the event of a cancellation of a facility use permit by the applicant, that organization is liable for all college costs and expenses in preparing the facility for its use.

(8) Any admission charge is to be specified and approved by the college.

(9) Organizations using Bellingham Technical College's facilities shall conduct all activities in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal laws including all rules adopted by the Bellingham Technical College board of trustees.

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WAC 495B-140-110 Supervision during activity. (1)

Signatories of the rental agreement, as well as adult organization leaders, are responsible for group conduct and are expected to remain with their group during activities. When the use of special facilities makes it necessary that supervision be provided, the trustees reserve the right to require that a staff member represent the college at any activity on college facilities. Such service shall be paid at the current rate by the organization requesting use of the facility, and does not relieve the organization from safeguarding the college's property.

(2) The security staff, or some other authority of the college, will open and lock all rented facilities. Keys to buildings or facilities will not be issued or loaned on any occasion to any using organization with the exception of keys to designated off-campus locations.

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