Student Centers
Facilities Use Policies and Procedures

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Policies and Procedures General Statement

I. Registered Student Organizations registered with the Center for Student Involvement; Campus Departments or Off-Campus Groups or Individuals are eligible to request and use facilities available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

II. The Student Centers (SCs) - Facilities Use Policies and Procedures provides for the efficient use and fair administration of facilities within the Student Center North, Student Center South, SC Satellite, campus grounds and all other locations under the jurisdiction of the Student Center Conference and Reservation Services Office (CARS). General updates to the Facilities Use Policies and Procedures may occur upon review and/or recommendation by the Student Center Policy Board (SCPB) or as other departmental or University policies referenced within these policies are adjusted or revised.

III. All groups using space reserved through the Student Center are expected to observe Federal, State and local laws, any applicable University of Houston policies and procedures and the Student Center policies. It is the responsibility of the individual/organization utilizing facilities and services to ensure that the events in their entirety are in compliance with the above laws and policies.

Policies and Procedures Waiver
Request for a waiver of any Student Center policies described within the Facilities Use Policies and Procedures document must be submitted in writing to the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs – Student Life or designee via a SCs Policies and Procedures Waiver Request Form. The form is available online and in the CARS Office. The form must be submitted to the CARS Office at least ten (10) business days prior to the day of the event. The Policy Waiver Request Process is not applicable for Student Life Policies, UH MAPP Policies, or other general University of Houston policies that are referenced within this policy document. For additional questions or clarifications regarding the policies applicable for a Waiver Request, please contact the Conference and Reservation Services Office (CARS) located in Room 271 of the Student Center South or by phone: (832) 842-6167.

Terms and Definitions
As used in the Facilities Use Policies and Procedures document, unless the context otherwise requires:

- **“SC”** – refers to the Student Center, North and/or South facility.
- **“SC Satellite”** refers to the Student Center Satellite facility.
- **“SCs”** refers to the Student Centers organizations
- **“SC Conference and Reservation Services Office (CARS)”**, refers to the entity responsible for coordinating the use of all facilities within the Student Center, SC Satellite, campus grounds and various other locations on campus.
- **“Registered Student Organizations”** (RSO) – refers to organizations that are currently registered with the Department of the Center for Student Involvement at the University of Houston main campus.
• “Campus Department” – refers to any University of Houston main campus office or department.
• “Sponsored” – refers to a joint programming venture between a student organization, campus department and/or off-campus group.
• “Off-Campus Groups” – refers to groups or individuals requesting space for a non-University meeting or event.
• “Group” – refers to a student organization, campus department, or any non-University individual or group.
• “Authorized Representative” – refers to a group’s contact person who signs the reservation request.
• “Reservation” – refers to arrangements for one or multiple bookings of facilities locations by one group where the bookings are logically or cohesively joined in some manner.
• “Booking” – refers to any use or planned use of facilities.
• “Regularly Scheduled” – refers to a series of bookings involving the same group for the same purpose at habitual intervals over the course of a semester.
• “No Show” – refers to any unannounced absence from a scheduled facility by any group.
• “Special Event” – is defined as one with an anticipated audience of 300 or more; or requires usage of at least three locations simultaneously, or requires police coverage; or requires four or more hours of set-up time; or includes potentially disruptive amplified sound; or could be potentially disruptive; or has significant safety and security issues; or has the potential to affect the entire campus community.
• “Admission Fee” – refers to any charge or contribution associated with an event, regardless of label, which is either required or voluntary in nature.
• “Business Day” – refers to weekdays (Monday through Friday) in which the University is officially open for service.
• “Change Order Fee” – refers to any charges added to a reservation for additions made to a reservation less than two (2) business days before an event.
• “Campus Wide Traditional Event” – Events open to the entire campus with a university focus and that have been held for at least the two (2) prior consecutive years.

Building Hours of Operation *
Student Center North and South:
• Monday-Wednesday 7 a.m.- 12 a.m.
• Thursday 7 a.m.- 1 a.m.
• Friday & Saturday 7 a.m.- 2a.m.
• Sunday 1p.m.- 12 a.m.

SC Satellite (Fall and Spring Semesters):
• Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.- 8 p.m.
• Friday 7 a.m.- 5 p.m.
• Saturday & Sunday Closed

SC Satellite (Summer Semester):
Facilities in the Student Center North, Student Center South, and SC Satellite can be reserved outside of the regular operating hours listed above. It is recommended that requests are made at the time of the original reservation. Approval will be based on staff availability and timeliness of the request, as well as a benefit to the University community. The CARS Office is located in Room 271 of the Student Center South.

Website: [www.uh.edu/studentcenters](http://www.uh.edu/studentcenters)
Click on Conference & Reservations. Phone: (832) 842-6167.

**Reservation Request Policies and Procedures**

1.1 Requests for use of facilities must be submitted in writing initially by online request or in person to the CARS Office. If requests are made by facsimile, all other appropriate forms must accompany the requests. Reservations are not guaranteed until a confirmation has been issued. Once a confirmation is received by a customer, changes submitted in writing will also be accepted via email.

1.2 Reservations are processed in the order in which they are received, with consideration being given to size of the group, type of set-up needed, and space availability. The CARS Office reserves the right to assign and, if necessary, reassign facilities to assure the maximum and most appropriate use of facilities.

1.3 Reservation requests for regular meetings received less than five (5) business days before the event may be denied due to insufficient time and/or space available to process and accommodate the request.

1.4 Reservation requests for large-scale or special events received less than twenty (20) business days before the event may be denied due to insufficient time and/or space available to process and accommodate the request.

1.5 Reservation requests for large-scale or special events requiring advance planning will not be accepted from off-campus groups more than twelve (12) months prior to the date of the event, or from on-campus RSOs more than six (6) months prior to the date of the event unless a Policy and Procedures Waiver Request Form has been completed and submitted for review and consideration. Exceptions to this Waiver requirement are reservation requests submitted for University of Houston campus-wide traditional/annual events which may be reserved two (2) year in advance.

1.6 All other forms, if applicable for an event - solicitation permit, alcohol permit, temporary food dealer’s permit, burn permit, tent permit, special parking request -- must be completed and submitted with the appropriate approvals to the CARS Office prior to the event. For specific timelines and information regarding special permits please refer to the section on Special Permits and Additional Approvals within this document.

1.7 Student Center North, Student Center South or SC Satellite meeting rooms may not be reserved for study hall purposes by any organization, group or individual.
Any space may be requested as a rain site. (Requesting organization will be responsible for all applicable fees unless the rain site is canceled within the cancellation period.)

Changes made less than two (2) business days before the event may be subject to Change Order Fees.

Contact the CARS Office during regular business hours or a Customer Relations Manager (CRM) after hours or on weekends for any set-up adjustments.

The CARS Office reserves the right to cancel and/or reschedule reservations due to situations beyond the control of the University (i.e. adverse weather conditions/acts of nature, loss of utilities, etc.).

If false information is provided with a reservation request, disciplinary action may be taken against groups or individuals. Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct on the Dean of Students website for additional information.

Reservation Requests for Spaces with Special Conditions

The Governor's Hall is an informal student lounge that may only be reserved in combination with the Houston Room as a lobby space. It may not be used as an event space at any time.

Lobby and lounge spaces are informal areas that may not be used as event spaces without an approved waiver.

The Houston Room Ticket Booth may only be reserved in combination with a Houston Room event.

The Philip Guthrie Hoffman Hall, PGH, Breezeway Information Tables are available for reservation by RSOs only.

The SC Circle, SC Lawn Areas, SC Plaza Stage, and SC Satellite/Patio Hill all require additional paperwork and/or approvals applicable to the UH Freedom of Expression Policy. The Freedom of Expression Policy is available on the SCs website: www.uh.edu/studentcenters (go to Conference & Reservations and then Policies and Procedures).

The SC Food Court Seating Area is available for reservation only during non-food service operating hours within the SC Food Court.

The SC Satellite Food Court may only be requested and reserved by obtaining special permission for use after regular hours of operation.

The SC Satellite Television Lounge #1 may only be requested and reserved by RSOs from 2-5pm on Fridays during the fall and spring semesters.

The SC North and South Information Tables are available for reservation by all groups.

The SC North Lobby Information Tables are available for reservation by RSOs and campus departments only.

Event Sponsorship

A Sponsorship is defined as a joint programming venture between an RSO, campus department or an off-campus group and/or individual(s).

RSOs or campus departments shall not serve as fronts for off-campus groups or individual(s) for the purpose of obtaining reduced facility use rental rates. RSOs shall not serve as fronts for campus departments. Events sponsored by RSOs or campus
departments discovered to be fronts for any entity will be adjusted to the appropriate facility rental rate.

3.3 Sponsored events between RSOs and campus departments will be charged at one half the campus department rate or student organization fundraiser rate.

3.4 Campus departments holding events with an admission fee* or events that are marketed to any off-campus community groups or individual(s) within or beyond the greater Houston metropolitan area, with the exception of official University of Houston Enrollment Services recruitment events will be charged the UH sponsored rate.

3.5 In order for an event to be eligible for a sponsored rate the following requirements must be met:
   - The sponsoring group must actively participate in the event by assuming responsibility for all reservation arrangements and charges assessed.
   - All communications with the CARS Office must be conducted by the sponsoring group representative.
   - A member of the sponsoring group must be present throughout the entire event.
   - All accumulated charges will be billed to the sponsoring group

Additional Requirements by Group Type

For specific rental fee rate information refer to the SC Room/Space Rental Fees available on the SCs website at www.uh.edu/studentcenters. Click on Conference & Reservations.

Registered Student Organizations

4.1 Only organizational representative(s) listed on the Center for Student Involvement Center for Student Involvement Student Organization Registration Form are authorized to make or cancel reservations on behalf of their student organization.

4.2 Reservation requests for regularly scheduled meetings may be made in advance for an entire semester.

4.3 RSOs are eligible for up to four (4) meeting/event reservations per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).

4.4 RSOs are not charged for the use of facilities unless the facilities are used for fundraising events or events with an admission fee. Charges associated with extending building hours, use of audio-visual equipment, special services, special staff or labor is the responsibility of the student organization.

4.5 RSOs will be charged one-half of the Campus Department Rental Rate for use of facilities used per day plus any additional costs associated with special building hours, special staff, labor charges or additional equipment required for events that are fundraisers or have an admission fee.

4.6 RSOs planning large-scale or special events meeting the definition of “special event” as determined by the Center for Student Involvement are required to begin the initial event planning process through the Center for Student Involvement Event Registration Process in Get Involved System.

Campus Departments

5.1 Departments are eligible for up to four (4) meeting/event reservations per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).

5.2 The Student Center North, Student Center South and SC Satellite may not be used for academic courses unless emergency needs due to weather related and space is
available.

Off-Campus Groups
6.1 Off-Campus Groups are limited to five (5) reservation days per month.
6.2 Off-Campus Groups may be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance for Bodily Injury and Property Damage. The certificate must name the University of Houston as additionally insured. Subrogation against the University must be waived.

Facility Usage Policies and Procedures
7.1 Use of any space in the Student Center North, Student Center South, SC Satellite, on campus grounds and all other locations under the jurisdiction of the CARS Office is prohibited without a confirmed reservation.
7.2 Use of a space for any reason other than the purpose stated on the reservation request is not permitted. All changes to bookings/reservations must be submitted in writing, signed by an authorized representative of a group, and approved by the CARS Office. Reservations are not transferable.
7.3 Reservation confirmations and all other appropriate forms/permits are required to be on-site throughout the event. Failure to produce appropriate forms/permits upon request may result in suspension of the event.
7.4 Groups and/or the authorized representative/s holding functions or activities at the Student Center North, Student Center South, SC Satellite and other reservable locations will be held responsible for their guests' compliance with the SCs Facilities Use Policies and Procedures as well as University of Houston policies and procedures as described in MAPP (Manual of Administration Policies and Procedures) available on the MAPP website located at www.uh.edu/mapp.
7.5 Leaving the facility in an unclean condition or damaging facilities and/or equipment may result in additional charges to the group for cleanup and/or recovery of losses.
7.6 The CARS Office reserves the right to cancel existing reservations and deny approval of future requests of groups not following the SCs Facilities Use Policies and Procedures or other applicable University policies.

General Policies and Procedures
8.1 Shirts and shoes are required to be worn while in the Student Centers Facilities.
8.2 The use of tobacco and tobacco products is prohibited on the University of Houston Campus. http://www.uh.edu/af/universityservices/policies/mapp/07/070202.pdf
8.3 Roller skates, skateboards, bicycles, hover boards, roller blades, and scooters may not be used or stored in the Student Center North, Student Center South or SC Satellite.
8.4 Bicycles are to be secured in designated areas only. The securing of bicycles to stairways, handrails, hallways, entrances, light poles, trees, or shrubbery is prohibited.
8.5 Unlicensed weapons are prohibited on the campus of the University of Houston. Please see University policy on weapons for additional information.
8.6 The Student Centers are not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged property belonging to users of the facilities.
8.7 Animals are not permitted in the Student Center North, Student Center South and SC Satellite with the exception of animals trained to assist the disabled.
8.8 Doorways, hallways, corridors, staircases and fire exits cannot be blocked or
obstructed at any time.

8.9 All forms of gambling are prohibited by law unless specifically provided for by statute.

8.10 Use of any appliance with a heating source (example iron, specialized catering equipment, space heater) in meeting facilities requires advance approval from the CARS Office.

8.11 Photo identification is required of all individual patrons utilizing the facilities. Everyone must be able to present identification upon request of a University of Houston staff member.

8.12 Furniture must not be removed from the reserved meeting rooms/spaces it is assigned unless approval has been granted in advance through the CARS Office.

8.13 Property of the Student Centers may not be removed from the facilities.

8.14 Reserved meeting rooms/spaces are not to be utilized for childcare services.

8.16 Excess trash that does not fit into provided trash receptacles in offices or meeting rooms should be held within these spaces near trash receptacles for pick up. Trash should not be placed or left in hallways outside of offices and meeting rooms. Please call 832-842-6167 or 832-842-6256 after business hours for trash removal.

**Event Planning Services & Specialized Staff**

The CARS Office is able to provide and arrange for special services (electrician, piano tuning, portable generators, etc.) for your event. Fees will be determined by the SC CARS Office and confirmed with the group in advance.

**Audio-Visual Services, Special Event Set-Ups/Room Diagrams, & Additional SC Equipment Services**

9.1 All set-up and audio-visual information should be included with the reservation request. Sample room set-up diagrams are available on our website ListServ. SC CARS Staff are available for assistance with planning your room diagram/layout.

9.2 Audio-visual equipment is confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. The CARS Office has the ability to rent equipment from various vendors. The fees associated with any rented equipment will be passed on to the reserving group. The group will be notified of costs prior to ordering.

9.3 The group is responsible for the securing and maintaining the condition of all the audio-visual equipment during the scheduled meeting time. If equipment is lost, stolen, or removed from its original location or displays damage beyond normal use, the reserving entity will be charged a repair or replacement fee. If the event/meeting concludes before the scheduled time, it is the responsibility of the group to inform the CARS Office or the Customer Relations Manager on duty to ensure audio-equipment is secured.

9.4 Lighting and “special effects” equipment, such as smoke, fog and fire machines are prohibited without prior approval from the CARS Office.

**Special Permits and Additional Approvals**

**General Information**

Timelines for approval of special permits varies. The required forms to submit for review and approval are located on the Student Centers website at www.uh.edu/studentcenters. Click on
Conference & Reservations and go to Forms. The CARS Office can assist groups with the various requirements and procedures to follow in order to process forms with the appropriate area/office which reviews and grants approval for each type of permit.

**Alcohol Consumption and Distribution at Events**

10.1 Groups desiring to serve or consume any type of alcoholic beverage on campus must register their event in advance by completing and submitting a Registration of Alcoholic Beverage Distribution Form. Information on University of Houston Alcohol Policies and Alcohol Forms may be obtained through the Dean of Students Office or through the SCs website at www.uh.edu/studentcenters. Click on Conference & Reservations and go to Forms. Alcohol Beverage Distribution Requests must be received and date stamped in the Dean of Students Office a minimum of fifteen (15) business days in advance of the scheduled event for review. Groups should build in ample event planning time for routing of paperwork through other required offices/areas prior to submitting requests for review by the Dean of Students Office.

10.2 Groups holding functions or activities in the Student Center North, Student Center South, SC Satellite and other reservable locations must adhere to University of Houston alcohol policies as published in the Student Handbook, the SCs Food and Beverage Policies, and applicable local, state and federal laws regarding possession, consumption and distribution of alcohol.

10.3 Groups intending to include an alcohol beverage service for a catered event in the Student Center North, Student Center South or SC Satellite will be required to arrange for the alcohol beverage service through University of Houston Dining Services Catering who is the holder of the liquor license on campus. Additionally for all events with an alcohol beverage service provided by UH Dining Services Catering, all catered food to accompany this service for meetings/events must also be provided by UH Dining Services Catering.

10.4 Food and non-alcoholic beverages must be available at all functions where alcohol will be served.

**Burn Permits**

11.1 Burning of candles, incense or open flames without prior approval for a burn permit are prohibited.

11.2 Burn Permits require a minimum of a five (5) business day advance approval through the University of Houston Department of Public Safety (UHDPS) Fire Marshal’s Office. Groups should build in ample event planning time for routing of paperwork through other required offices/areas prior to submitting requests for review by the Fire Marshal’s Office.

**Freedom of Expression Policy**

12.1 The Freedom of Expression Policy as part of MAPP policy is applicable to University of Houston students, faculty, staff and others who wish to engage in non-curriculum related organized expressive activities at locations on University property as identified in the policy. Non-permitted commercial activities as defined within the Freedom of Expression Policy are not allowed. For questions regarding this policy and whether or not it would apply to a proposed or scheduled meeting/event, groups should contact the CARS Office. The full Freedom of Expression Policy is available on the Student Centers website: www.uh.edu/studentcenters. Go to Conference & Reservations and then Policies and Procedures.
12.2 Organized Expressive Activity Requests require a minimum seven (7) business day advance once received and date stamped in the Dean of Students Office. Groups should build in ample event planning time for routing of paperwork through other required offices/areas prior to submitting requests for review by the Dean of Students Office.

Temporary Outdoor Signage Requests
13.1 The use of temporary outdoor signage is only permitted for official University sponsored events as determined by the University of Houston, Freedom of Expression Policy. In this policy, an official University sponsored event is defined as any event, program, or activity sponsored by a University Department in the course of fulfilling their University Mission, activities that occur within the classroom, or events that occur within the regular or recurring sphere of activity of a University Department.

13.2 Temporary Outdoor Signage Requests require a minimum ten (10) business day advance once received and date stamped in the Dean of Students Office. Groups should build in ample event planning time for routing of paperwork through other required offices/areas prior to submitting requests for review by the Dean of Students Office.

13.3 Each completed Temporary Outdoor Signage Request Form must include the following information and attachments: a sample of the sign and sign dimensions, the type of material to be used for construction of the sign, the number of signs requested to be posted, a map displaying the proposed locations for the signs, the timeline requested for the posting of the signs as well as the date for the removal of the signs by the group.

13.4 The event sponsor’s name is also required on each printed signage item.

13.5 Sponsored events planned by University Departments partnering with a student organization or off-campus group also requires the completion of a University Sponsorship Verification Form by the sponsoring University Department.

Special Parking Requests
14.1 The CARS Office will coordinate with Parking and Transportation Services and attempt to provide adequate parking for events with minimal disruption to normal parking operations at the University of Houston.

Solicitation
15.1 All sales and solicitation in the Student Center North, Student Center South or SC Satellite must be sponsored by a campus department or student organization and must be approved in accordance with University policies. For further clarification, please refer to the University Policies section of the Student Handbook under the heading, “Soliciting of Funds, Selling of Nonfood Items”.

15.2 Solicitation Permits are available for RSOs through the Center for Student Involvement or from the SCs website: www.uh.edu/studentcenters. Go to Conference & Reservations and then go to Forms.

Sound Amplification
16.1 Groups holding functions or activities using amplified sound are required to comply with the SCs Amplified Sound Policy which is available in the CARS Office and on the SCs website. This policy exists to create an environment that will permit all meetings and events to take place without disruption.

16.2 Amplified sound is limited by policy in the SC Circle, SC Plaza Stage, SC Satellite
Patio/Hill and Lynn Eusan Park between the hours of 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM and from 4 PM to midnight on class days. On non-class days, amplified sound will be permitted from 8:00 AM to midnight. For additional information, refer to the Amplified Sound Policy available in the CARS Office or on the SCs website at www.uh.edu/studentcenters. Click on Conference & Reservations and go to Policies and Procedures.

**Temporary Food Dealer’s Permit**

17.1 Food and beverage may be sold or distributed on campus only through RSOs or campus departments.

17.2 The sponsoring group must secure a Temporary Food Dealer’s Permit from University of Houston Department of Public Safety (UHDPS) Fire Marshal’s Office. The permit requires a minimum of a five (5) business day advance approval. Groups should build in ample event planning time for routing of paperwork through other required offices/areas prior to submitting requests for review by the Fire Marshal’s Office.

17.3 The approved permit must be submitted to the CARS Office in advance of the scheduled meeting/event and should also be available on-site during the meeting/event.

17.4 RSOs are limited to two (2) food or beverage sales per month. Sales tax may be applicable for more than one fundraiser held per month. Contact the Center for Student Involvement for additional information and State of Texas sales tax requirements that may be applicable.

**Food and Beverage Policies**

18.1 Groups have three (3) options available for food/drinks for a meeting/event scheduled in the SC and SC Satellite.

1. Groups may provide or bring their own food/drink products.
2. Groups may use UH Dining Services Catering.
3. Off-Campus Catering Company - All catering from off-campus sources (caterers, restaurants, etc.) must provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the University of Houston as an Additional Insured Party. The SC does not have commercial kitchen facilities for off-campus catering.

18.2 If alcohol is to be served during the event then groups must use UH Dining Services to provide food and alcohol.

18.3 Groups providing their own beverages, receiving beverage donations for an event, or contracting with an off-campus catering company for beverages as part of the food arrangements for an event must adhere to the requirements of the University of Houston Exclusive Beverage Contract with the Houston Coca-Cola Bottling Company. An approved beverage/product listing is available at the CARS Office or on the SCs website: www.uh.edu/studentcenters. Go to Conference & Reservations and go to Policies and Procedures.

**Posting of Banners, Decorations Information Displays/Distribution, Table Tents, and A-Frames**

**Banners**

19.1 RSOs are limited to posting two (2) banners at any given time.
19.2 Campus departments or on-campus contracted businesses are limited to posting one banner per building at any given time.

19.3 Banner cannot exceed three (3) feet tall by fifteen (15) feet wide with the exception of banners to be posted on the front of the Student Center South.

19.4 All banners are required to have the group’s name clearly printed on the banner.

19.5 Groups wanting to hang a banner for an event in a location other than the Student Center South’s west handrail and Satellite should request this in advance and at the time the reservation request form is submitted. Groups must provide the Student Center Conference and Reservation Services with the banner location preference, banner dimensions, and the date/s desired for the banner to be hung and dismantled.

19.6 Outdoor locations other than the Student Center South’s west handrail and Satellite will be subject to additional approvals through the Dean of Students Office. Refer to the section on Special Permits and Approvals in this document regarding Temporary Outdoor Signage for more information on requirements.

19.7 Banners to be hung on the Houston Room Backstage Wall must be requested in advance of the event. Banners must be delivered to the Student Centers Conference and Reservation Services a minimum of two (2) days in advance of the scheduled event date to allow for the processing and completion of a work order. Charges will be applied accordingly for this service. Maximum dimensions for banners to be hung in this location should not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height by thirty (30) feet in width.

19.8 Banner request for the walkways between the Student Center North and Student Center South must meet the following requirements.
   A. Campus-wide event open to UH community
   B. Event presented by UH Registered and Fee Funded Student Organization, campus department or housed within the Student Centers
   C. Banners can only be posted on the west side of the east walkway and on the east side of the west walkway. The west exterior walkway (outside the Legacy Lounge windows of Student Center South) is the new replacement banner location for what used to be in the old arbor.

19.9 Banner request for the front on the Student Center South must be submitted 4 weeks prior to the first requested posting date. Banners to be posted on the front of the Student Center South must be 16’ high by 28’ wide with 24” tie straps on the 4 corners and in the middle of the top of the banner. If the banner does not meet these dimensions it will not be able to be posted.

**Banner Time Period Extensions & Multiple Banners**
19.10 The standard two-week posting period may be extended/granted through approval during non-peak posting times of the year. Extensions should be requested in advance of initial posting dates in the original request.

19.11 Banner reservations may be renewed, subject to space availability, every two (2) weeks by submitting a new reservation request form.

19.12 RSOs will have the option to post up to two (2) banners at one time or have overlapping times in the event two (2) separate events are planned by the organization.

19.13 Maximum posting period for event banners (unless exception granted for extension as noted below) will be limited to ten (10) business days prior to a scheduled event (includes the actual event date).

19.14 All reserved and posted banners require a Banner Posting Sticker (BPS) that is visible on the banner. Banners found to not include a current Banner Posting Sticker (BPS) will be removed.

19.15 All banners must be constructed on vinyl or other water resistant material in a way as to ensure the banner remains intact and does not leave any residue when removed.

19.16 Groups are responsible for removal of banners by the designated due date noted on written confirmations issued by the Conference and Reservation Services.

19.17 Expired banners will be removed by SC staff and will be stored in the Conference and Reservation Services for pickup within 72 hours after the group has been contacted or the banner will be discarded.

19.18 When the Plaza Stage is reserved the reserving group may hang a banner on the handrail above the Plaza Stage during the event.

**Decorations**

20.1 The use of glue, duct tape, nails, and/or tacks on any surface is prohibited. Decorations may not be attached to or leaning against ceilings, light fixtures, walls, woodwork, draperies, windows, curtains, the floor or any painted or papered surface. For offices, stores or departments, please see the appropriate Manager or Department Head for approval.

20.2 Use of confetti, glitter, rice, sand, smoke, haze fog, hay and similar materials are prohibited.

20.3 Hallway windows in meeting rooms are not to be covered under any circumstances.

**Information Displays/Distribution**

21.1 Posting in reservable or public locations (with the exception of public bulletin boards) is not permitted. This includes walls, doors, glass, furniture, etc.. Easels, flipcharts, sign stands and pegboards are available for posting purposes through the Conference
and Reservation Services. For offices, stores or departments, please see the appropriate Manager or Department Head for approval.

21.2 Any group wishing to display/distribute printed materials (magazines, newspapers or other literature) must obtain permission from the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Student Life or his/her designee.

21.3 For information regarding temporary outdoor signage, please refer to the Special Permits and Additional Approvals section within this document.

21.4 Groups using display/distribution tables must remain at their specific assigned space while conducting their business.

Table Tents
22.1 Only table tents advertising on-campus events sponsored by RSOs or campus departments will be approved.

22.2 Table tents can be reserved for placement in the Student Center Satellite Food Court Dining Seating Area.

22.3 Reservations for table tent locations are limited to three (3) consecutive business days, are limited to one table tent per table per day, and are subject to availability of space.

22.4 A finished table tent must be provided to the Conference and Reservation Services at least two (2) business days prior to confirmed reservation date.

22.5 Table tents are restricted in size to a maximum of four (4) inches by five (5) inches when folded or 8.5 inches by 11 inches when full size. The Conference and Reservation Services reserves the right to remove table tents and/or cancel reservations if the table tents exceed these dimensions.

22.6 To maintain necessary sanitary conditions, SCs staff will dispose of table tents as they become stained or dirty.

22.7 The Student Centers and/or the University Food Service Contractor are not responsible for the disposal of or damage to table tents.

22.8 Groups are responsible for removal of table tents by the designated due date noted on written confirmations issued by the Conference and Reservation Services.

22.9 Expired table tents will be removed by SC staff and will be discarded.

A-Frames
23.1 A-Frames are prohibited from being used in the interior of the Student Centers with the exception of the Starbucks A-frame.
A-Frames may be placed outdoors in accordance with the University of Houston, Freedom of Expression Policy (M.A.P.P. 13.01.01)

**Police Services & Event Coverage Requirements**

The CARS Office will coordinate with the University of Houston, Department of Public Safety (UHDPS) to determine the minimum number police/security officers needed for each event with the exception of student events.

24.1 The Dean of Students or designee recommends police coverage necessary for all student organization events.

24.2 The Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Student Life or designee recommends police coverage for all other events booked through the CARS Office.

24.3 UHDPS coverage may be required for the following types of events:
- Those with an anticipated audience of three-hundred (300) attendees or more.
- Those which would fall under the guidelines of the UH Social Event Policy.
- Those which include potentially disruptive amplified sound.
- Those which could be potentially disruptive to the University community.
- Those which have significant safety and security issues.
- Those where alcohol is being served.
- Those where cash transactions will occur.
- Those which have the potential to affect the entire campus community.
- Those where the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Student Life or designee or the Dean of Students or designee recommends that police coverage is required.

24.4 UH Police requests made with less than ten (10) business days prior to the event will be subject to a ten percent (10%) late fee.

24.5 Cancellation of police requests is the responsibility of the requesting party and must be made at least two (2) business days in advance of the event with the CARS Office in order to avoid a charge. The cancellation must be signed by the individual who originally reserved the police and also by the UH administrative authority which approved the original request (Dean of Students or designee or the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Student Life or designee).

24.6 Metal detection equipment and operational staffing may be required at events. Applicable charges may apply.

**Payment Policies and Procedures**

25.1 All groups must submit payment within ten (10) business days of receipt of their confirmation and prior to their event. If payment is not received within the ten (10) business day period, the reservations may be canceled.

25.2 RSOs and departments with on-campus accounts are able to pay room rental charges and service fees via Service Center Vouchers (SC). An authorized SC Voucher must be received within five (5) business days prior to the day of the event by a student organization or campus department. Accepted forms of payment include money orders, cashiers and organizational/business checks, and credit cards. Checks must be
made payable to "University of Houston". The University reserves the right to refuse personal checks.

25.3 All applicable refunds will be initiated within ten (10) business days of receiving all necessary documentation which includes a completed Vendor Set-Up Form. All necessary documentation must be provided within 30 days of the CARS request for documentation or the refund will be forfeited.

25.4 Groups with outstanding debts to the University of Houston may be refused future reservations and all current reservations may be suspended pending full payment or until proof of payment is submitted to the CARS Office. Bad debts processing fees will be charged to the reserving group.

25.5 If payments are made by a credit card and a refund is due the refund must be made to the same credit card that was used to make the payment. If the credit card is not available then the refund will be made by check. Payments made by check must be refunded by check. Please allow 4-8 weeks for processing.

Reservation Cancellations and No-Shows

Registered Student Organizations

26.1 Cancellations must be received in writing at least two (2) business days in advance of the event or the student organization will be responsible for paying the Campus Department Rental Rates and other service charges. If the reservation is categorized as a Sponsored event with an off-campus group, the UH-Sponsored rental rate will apply. If the event is a Sponsored event with a campus department then the Student fundraiser rate will apply.

26.2 If a student organization fails to show up for a reserved event, they will be issued a warning letter. After a second “No Show”, the student organization will be charged the Campus Department rental rates for rooms. After a third “No Show” in the same academic year, the student organization’s reservations privileges may be suspended for the rest of the academic year and all remaining reservations for the rest of the academic year will be canceled.

Campus Departments

27.1 Cancellations must be received in writing or online at least two (2) weeks in advance of the event or the campus department will be responsible for paying Campus Department Rental Rates and other service charges. If the reservation is categorized as a “Sponsored” event, with an off-campus group, the UH-Sponsored rental rate will apply. If the event is a Sponsored event with an RSO then the Student fundraiser rate will apply.

27.2 If a campus department fails to show up for a reserved meeting room/facility, they will be issued a warning letter and charged the Campus Department rental rates for rooms. After a second “No Show” in the same academic year, they will be issued a warning letter, charged the Campus Department rental rate plus a twenty-five ($25) service fee. After a third “No Show”, the campus department’s reservations privileges will be suspended for the rest of the academic year and all remaining reservations for that academic year will be canceled.

Off-Campus Groups

28.1 Reservation cancellations must be received in writing. If cancellation is made less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the first scheduled date of the event, the off-
campus group and/or individual will be responsible for the full room rental rate and other service charges that have been applied.

28.2 If an off-campus group or individual fails to show up for a reserved meeting room/facility, they will be issued a warning letter. After a second “No Show”, they will be issued a second warning letter and charged a thirty-five ($35) service fee. After a third “No Show” in the same academic year, the off-campus group’s and/or individual’s reservations privileges will be suspended for the rest of the academic year and all remaining reservations for that academic year will be canceled.
Disciplinary Procedures
The Facilities Use Policies and Procedures are intended to support an environment necessary for learning and development. Any member of the campus community may bring a charge giving details of the alleged violation in writing to the supervisor of the CARS Office.

Sanctions
The CARS Office may impose any or all of the following sanctions based on violation, repetition, and financial responsibility. If there is a reason to believe that a violation of these SCs Policies and Procedures, applicable Student Life Policies, and/or UH policies (as described in the Manual of Administrative Policies & Procedures (MAPP); website: www.uh.edu/mapp may have occurred and the sanction could result in an option other than a letter of warning, the authorized representative of the charged group will be required to meet with the Associate Director of the CARS Office and/or referred to other parties if deemed necessary. After the meeting conclusion, the Associate Director of the CARS Office will notify the authorized representative of the group in writing if a violation occurred and any subsequent sanctions.

29.1 Letter of Warning: Group will receive a letter identifying the violation and clearly defining the Policy as it relates to the violation.
29.2 Probation: Group will not be permitted to sponsor large events such as concerts, mixers, dances, lectures, etc. With permission of the Associate Director, organizations may be granted the privilege to conduct meetings and other small events.
29.3 Financial Restitution: Group will be responsible for damage to facilities, supplies and/or equipment and will be responsible for the repair and/or replacement costs associated with the damage.
29.4 Judicial Referral: Individual students, Student Organization or Group will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for adjudication of Student Life Policy.
29.5 Fines: Group may be assessed fines for Policy violations.
29.6 Suspension of Privileges: Group will not be permitted to reserve space through the CARS Office and all remaining reservations for the academic year will be suspended.

Appeal Process
Group must appeal within ten (10) business days from the date of notification. Letters of Appeal should be addressed to the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Student Life and deliver them to the Student Centers Associate Director’s office in Room 271 of the Student Center South. Appeals will be considered only on the basis of any new information not considered during the initial disciplinary procedure.

SC Policy Board Approval
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Addendum A

The following policy exception is effective June 1, 2014 for use of Student Center meeting/conference space for dates occurring after September 1, 2014 for UH Campus Departments housed within the Student Center North or Student Centers South as follows:

5.3 Campus Departments housed within the Student Center effective September 2014:
- Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs
- Business Services
- Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life (CFSL)
- Center for Student Involvement (CSI)
- Center for Student Media (CSM)
- Dean of Students Office (DOS)
- Division of Student Affairs IT Services and Special Programs
- Center for Diversity and Inclusion
- International Student and Scholar Services Office (ISSSO)
- LGBTQ Resource Center (LGBTQRC)
- Student Centers (Student Centers)
- Veterans’ Services Office (VSO)
- Women’s Resource Center (WRC)

5.4 Policy exceptions for application of Student Center room rental rates apply for Campus Departments defined under 5.3 as follows:
- Campus Departmental room rental rates will be waived for events that are free and targeted only to the UH community.
- Events targeting off-campus populations (with the exception of official University of Houston Enrollment Services recruitment events), or events that charge fees for registration/admission, or accept monetary donations will still be charged the applicable UH Sponsored room rental rate.
- Events may target affiliated professional associations open to the higher education community.
- Labor charges will be applied to all events.
- There is no charge for Audio/Visual equipment for events held in Student Centers event/meeting space as long as request are received more than 2 business days before the event date.
- Campus Departments housed within the Student Center that have meeting/conference rooms associated with their allocated office space will have access to this space Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM as follows:
  - Medical Center Room (Student Centers South) – Available exclusively to Dean of Students Office
  - Synergy Room (Student Centers North) – Available exclusively to LGBTQ Resource Center, Women’s Resource Center, International Student and Scholar Services Office, and Veteran’s Service Office
  - Uptown Room (Student Centers South) – Available exclusively to Office of the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Business