

EXTERNAL GROUP USAGE OF UNIVERSITY CENTER FACILITIES

Agreeing to this statement indicates acknowledgment of your providing and/or agreeing to the below information, and that you will abide by all University regulations, including those stated below. This indicates that the contact person/applicant assumes full responsibility for the aforementioned event.

Agreement to these policy statements and submission of a reservation request form DOES NOT confirm your reservation in the University Center.

Reservations are valid once a confirmation statement is received via e-mail from the University Center.

1. GENERAL USAGE: The Director or the Assistant Director of the University Center reserves the right to cancel this reservation if it conflicts in any way with the policies or regulations of the University regarding meetings on the campus or if it violates any federal, state, or local law. The right is reserved to change this reservation to other areas on campus with the understanding that, if possible, comparable facilities will be provided when a change is necessary. All local, state, and federal laws will be strictly observed (i.e. state fire and liquor ordinances). Charges for room usage will be based on the University Center's rental fee structure.

2. DEPOSITS: Organizations shall return a 50% payment deposit and the signed contract within 30 days of contract receipt to confirm the reservation. This deposit can be paid through cash, check payable to Webster University or Credit Card. In addition to the deposit all renters are required to provide a credit card in order to hold the facility, and serve as a damage deposit. The card will NOT be charged unless damages are incurred or by instruction of the renting party for payment of total fees.

3. CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations within 30 days of initial event date will forfeit the original deposit (50%). Cancellations within 7 days will forfeit 100% of rental payment. .

4. CHARGES: Organizations shall pay all usual and customary charges established by the University Center per requirements in the Co-Sponsorship Policy and of equipment and services related thereto. ALL groups will be assessed charges for extra services including but not limited to additional building hours, staffing, housekeeping, floor cover placement and removal, and will be assessed charges for additional maintenance expenses brought about by the use of the facilities. Additionally, groups wishing to use any University Center facilities for storage prior to or following an event will be charged \$250.00 per calendar day outside of the scheduled event date(s). All groups are required to schedule timed delivery and pickup when renting equipment through external vendors. The University reserves the right to require advance payment of all or any portion of any relevant charges.

4. STORAGE: Because of high demand for space, all groups are required to schedule timed delivery and pickup from external vendors to occur within reserved times. The Director or Assistant Director of the University Center must approve all delivery and pickup times, prior to arrangements being confirmed with the vendor. In the case that a timed delivery is not available within the scheduled event parameters, groups will be charged \$250.00 per calendar day (excluding the day(s) of the event) for storage of rental equipment. This relates to events occurring in all areas of the University Center including but not limited to the Sunnen Lounge and the Grant Gymnasium. The University Center cannot guarantee the safety of any items left unsecured.

5. UNIVERSITY POLICIES: All Webster University policies and regulations must be observed. Violation will subject the applicant to University judicial action, possible legal liability, and risk the immediate closing of the event.

6. ROOM POLICIES: Usage of rooms in the University Center is restricted to campus departments, registered student organizations or private parties paying a rental fee. Specific requirements for room usage include but are not limited to the following:

6a. GRANT GYMNASIUM:

1. Priority use of this space is given to the Athletics Department of Webster University. Groups wishing to use the space during the fall semester may make requests after August 1 of the given year, and after December 1 for spring semester requests.
2. Non-athletic events being held in this space require the use of the vinyl floor covering; there is no charge for this covering for University events with more than 100 guests in attendance; all other groups must pay a \$75.00 floor cover charge.
3. Groups hosting events in the Grant Gymnasium that are atypical may be required to meet with the Director or Assistant Director of the University Center to approve details of the program.

6b. UNIVERSITY CENTER COMMONS:

1. The Commons rental area is limited to the space between the restrooms and the staircase to the Lower Level.
2. When using the Commons as a programming space, all other Upper Level rooms (Sunnen Lounge, University

Center Conference Room, and Presentation Room) must be reserved as part of the same event at the same time; one of these rooms must be used for furniture storage when the Commons setup is atypical.

3. Programs in this space are required to complete and file a party permit with the Director or Assistant Director of the University Center

4. Per Webster Groves fire code, one side of the stairwell must be entirely unobstructed at all times.

7. **SAFETY:** In the interest of personal safety of guests of the University, students, faculty, and staff, all reservations are approved on the assumption that the facility will not be used in excess of the normal seating capacity and will be used as it is normally equipped. It is further agreed that the posted safety and fire prevention regulations will be followed.

8. **SMOKING:** In accordance with University policy, smoking is not permitted within the building **or within 30 feet of any building entrances.**

9. **ALTERATIONS TO FACILITIES:** The Director or the Assistant Director of the University Center must approve any changes in the facility. Such changes may include but are not limited to the removing, moving or addition of equipment and decorations. Requests for such changes will be honored only with PRIOR notice to the Director or the Assistant Director of the University Center, and with the stipulation that the organization will assume the necessary cost. The University at the expense of the organization will correct any unauthorized adjustments within the facility.

10. **DECORATIONS:** All combustible decorative material including curtains, scenery, and acoustical material, (with the exception of the floor covering) will be flame retardant. No decorations may be adhered to any painted or wallpapered surfaces. Candles may be used provided that they are used floating in water; but are still subject to approval by the Director or the Assistant Director of the University Center. Helium balloons must be attached to weights **and not tied to furniture**; there is a \$5.00 per balloon charge for stranded balloons.

11. **DAMAGES:** The organization, its officers, and any individual applying to reserve space are responsible for the condition of the facilities and the use to which they are put during the time reserved. The organization and such persons shall be responsible for all damages or misappropriation by any guests, invitees or attendees. The organization shall reimburse the University for any such damage or loss. No organization other than the reserving organization may use the facilities reserved. **Excess housekeeping charges will be forwarded to the reserving group; charges are incurred at the discretion of the Director of Custodial Services.**

12. **EXITS:** All aisles leading to exit doors must be kept clear and unobstructed. During the period of use, no required exit door may be fastened so that the door cannot be opened readily from the inside. Required exits serving the room shall be adequately lighted when the room is occupied.

13. **SIGNS, POSTERS AND FLYERS:** All printed material, whether directional or informational, must be approved and posted in approved locations. **Directional signs may be placed on exterior doors one hour before the event only and removed immediately following the program.**

14. **FOOD SERVICE:** Events may utilize Webster University Dining Services (Sodexo — 314-968-6902), or another licensed caterer. Self-catering is also permitted; however, service of alcoholic beverages is only permitted with a licensed caterer/bartender. Approval of alcoholic beverages must be granted by the Director or the Assistant Director of the University Center PRIOR to event; groups failing to follow this policy will lose rental privileges in the Webster University Center. **Student organizations should consult with the Director of the University Center regarding food permit and party permit requirements.**

15. **PARKING:** Please instruct non-University attendees to utilize the Garden Park Plaza parking garage. **Reserved parking for event VIPs and/or delivery purposes must be requested through the Director or Assistant Director of the University Center at least 7 days in advance of the event.** Parking requests will be approved through the Department of Public Safety and may not necessarily be located in Lot H.

16. **LIABILITY, INSURANCE, AND INDEMNIFICATION:** The reserving organization, its officers and members agree to indemnify and hold harmless Webster University from any expense occasioned by any suit or claim as a result of any injury in tort or contract to any person resulting from the organization's use of the University Center and/or Library facilities, and agrees to furnish the University with insurance protection, if any, required by the University as a condition of said usage. Groups must be able to provide, upon request of the Director or the Assistant Director, a certificate of insurance providing proof of at least \$1 million dollars (per incident) in liability coverage which states that Webster University is an additional insured.