MARSHALL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Policy No. FA-4
POLICIES ON USE OF INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES

General.

1.1. Scope. -- This rule governs use of institutional facilities by persons or groups.

1.2. Statutory References. -- W. Va. Code §18-26

1.3. Passage Date: August 1, 2019

1.4. Effective Date: Upon passage

1.5. Background: This policy amends Marshall University Board of Governors Policy FA-2 (effective October 13, 2002). This previously replaced Board of Trustees Series No. 55 which was transferred by the Higher Education Policy Commission to the institutional boards of governors. This policy was previously numbered MUBOG Policy No. 9

Policy

2.1. Facilities of Marshall University are intended for use in the conduct of its educational programs. As such, first priority for the use of facilities will be given to the academic, administrative and student functions at each institution.

2.2. In its many aspects of service to the public, the Board of Governors also recognizes the need and permits the use of facilities which may provide benefits otherwise not available in the community. Consideration of requests from campus and off-campus groups will be guided by the following policy statements.

By Off-Campus Groups or Individuals (Non-state Employee).

3.1. It is the policy of Marshall University to permit the use of facilities by the general community in a manner which does not compete with the ongoing programs of the colleges and universities of the State. The community use of a college or university facility must have an educational or cultural purpose and must have a campus sponsor. The facilities that will be made available to non-campus groups will tend to be of a nature which is unique in the community.

3.2. Use of campus facilities by non-campus individuals or organizations will be permitted within the following guidelines:

(a) Facilities and support services will be made available only to the extent that their proposed use is not in conflict with the regular programs of the institution;

(b) The nature of the activities of the non-campus users shall not be potentially physically disruptive of the campus. For instance, local noise ordinances must be obeyed.
While this policy may not be construed to preclude use of facilities based on political philosophy, race, religion, or creed of the sponsor, the nature of the activities to be conducted on the campus shall not be illegal under the Constitution or laws of the State of West Virginia or the United States;

(c) A standard rental/lease agreement accompanied by evidence of such insurance protection as may be required to adequately protect the institution shall be executed by the campus sponsor and also be signed by a responsible officer of the non-campus organization desiring to use a campus facility;

(d) All charges assessed for the use of campus facilities shall be sufficient at least to cover all identifiable costs of both a direct and indirect nature except that charges for indirect costs may be waived at the discretion of the institution for nonprofit organizations and/or public bodies of the State of West Virginia, such as county school systems, etc. All charges must be reasonable, charged equally to all similar groups, and be published in advance. In turn, such groups using campus facilities may charge admission, but only for the purpose of covering the direct and indirect cost of the sponsored activities. All surplus revenue derived from the conduct of an event will accrue to the benefit of the institution, except for public or nonprofit groups for which this provision may be waived. An exception to the surplus revenue provision may be granted for certain programs offered during the summer months where the activity generates significant revenues to the housing and dining accounts of the institutions.

By Campus Groups for Nontraditional Programs (State Employee).

4.1. To encourage the various colleges and universities to extend their offerings, it shall be the Board's policy to permit its facilities to be made available for use by recognized campus units to conduct educational or cultural programs, including youth camps, for which fees are charged.

(a) Adequate insurance must be provided by the sponsors of the program.

Selling of Articles on College or University Campuses.

5.1 All solicitation and selling of products and articles upon property under the jurisdiction of the Marshall University is prohibited except by organizations and groups directly connected with the institutions and upon written approval of the respective president or his designee.


6.1. The University president shall designate the administrator(s) of this policy. A standard rental/lease agreement approved by the Board of Governors or its representative shall be used by each institution, along with any other forms needed to execute this policy.