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A MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

From President Linwood H. Rose

Dear Students:

Your collegiate experience should be a time of personal enrichment, life-forming decisions and, most importantly, exciting academic challenges. I am pleased that you have chosen James Madison University as the environment in which you will experience these things.

Deciding on your course of study is one of the most critical decisions you will make here. While you ultimately need to meet established degree requirements, also think about the limitless future that this educational experience will provide you. Challenge yourself to look beyond your years here and dare to imagine how a powerful education, both inside and outside of the classroom, can prepare you for all of life's opportunities.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful and rewarding JMU experience. Make the most of your time here - you'll value it for a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Linwood H. Rose
President
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I. ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE

University Organization
James Madison University is a coeducational state-aided university governed by its own board of visitors. The board consists of 15 members appointed by the governor and a nonvoting student member appointed by the board.

The president of the university, appointed by the board of visitors, is responsible for the administration of James Madison University. The president is assisted in the administration of the university by the divisional vice presidents for academic affairs, administration and finance, institutional effectiveness, student affairs, development, and alumni relations, and university relations and external programs; the director of intercollegiate athletics; and the executive assistant to the president.

University Governance

The University President

The president is the chief administrative official of the university. The president has established procedures to receive advice and recommendations from the various constituencies on campus. This process allows for the presentation of ideas and recommendations by faculty, students or administrative personnel through committees, commissions or the University Council.

The University Council

The membership of the University Council consists of the following persons: all division vice presidents, all deans, the assistant to the president, all university commission and council chairs, the speaker of the Faculty Senate, five faculty senators, the president and the vice president of the Student Government Association, the president of the Honor Council, the chair of the University Program Board and one graduate student. The president of the university serves as the chair and a secretary is appointed.

Specifically, the functions of the University Council are to advise the president of the university on matters of university governance; to implement the functions and exercise the authority delegated to it by the president of the university; to review and make recommendations on matters proposed by the faculty, staff and students or through the Faculty Senate, Student Government Association, commissions or committees; and to refer appropriate matters to the Faculty Senate, Student Government Association, commissions, committees, groups or individuals for consideration and recommendations.

Statement of Community Values

James Madison University is an academic community dedicated to the highest standards of scholarship and the protection of academic freedom. We hold among our foremost common values:

- the freedom of intellectual inquiry in the pursuit of truth
- the importance of personal integrity
- the right of every individual to be treated with dignity and respect at all times
- the acceptance and appreciation of diversity in our community with regard to age, disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation and political affiliation.

Students’ Role in University Governance

Student participation in institutional decision making at JMU is essential and highly valued. Participation is achieved through student representation on the JMU Board of Visitors, University Council and university commissions and committees. The Student Government Association has a particularly important role in student participation in decision making. It is the organization with primary responsibility for accepting and considering student initiatives.

II. STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Student Government Association

Post Office Box 3523, James Madison University

The Student Government Association is a unique organization in that its membership includes every undergraduate degree-seeking student at JMU. Through this structure all students can actively participate in the decision-making process of JMU. The SGA cooperates with the faculty and administration within the precepts of the university’s internal governance system.

Leadership of the SGA is vested in the Executive Council, Class Councils and the Senate. Under the supervision of these three governing bodies, student activities fees are allocated to campus clubs and organizations as well as various service projects. Undergraduate representatives are appointed to university commissions and committees.

Opportunities for involvement are many and varied. The SGA offices are located in Taylor Hall.

Rights and Responsibilities

Student

Students enjoy the same basic rights and are bound by the same responsibilities to respect the rights of others as are all citizens. James Madison University considers individuals as students upon receipt of deposit for admission.

1. The student as a citizen has the rights of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of peaceful assembly and association, freedom of political beliefs and freedom from personal force and violence, threats of violence and personal abuse.

2. The student as a citizen has a right to be considered equally for admission to, employment by and promotion within the campus in accordance with the provisions against discrimination in the general law.

3. James Madison University is no sanctuary from the general law; furthermore, the campus is a community of growth and fulfillment for all rather than a setting described in the concept of in loco parentis.

Educational

All students have other responsibilities and rights based on the nature of the educational process and requirements of the search for truth and its free presentation. These rights and responsibilities include the following:

1. Each student has the freedom, dependent on level of competence to teach, learn and conduct research and publish findings in the spirit of free inquiry.

2. Each student has the right to pursue normal curricular and cocurricular activities, including freedom of movement.

3. Students have the right to expect that records maintained on them contain only information which is reasonably related to the educational purposes or to the health and safety of the individual or others. Furthermore, it is assumed that the student has the right to protection from unauthorized disclosure of confidential material contained in university records.

4. Students have the right to reasonable and impartially applied rules, designed to reflect the educational purposes of the institution and to protect the safety of the campus.

5. Students have the right to recourse if another member of the campus is negligent or irresponsible in the performance of his or her responsibilities, or if another member of the campus represents the work of others as his or her own.

6. Students who hold opinions about basic policy matters of direct concern to them have the right to have them heard and consid-
erated at appropriate levels of the decision-making process. It should be noted that students who have a continuing association with the institution and who have substantial influence have an especially strong obligation to maintain an environment supportive of the rights of others.

University
1. The university has the right and an obligation to provide an open forum to present and debate public issues.
2. The university has the right to prohibit individuals and groups who are not members of the university community from using its name, finances, and physical operating facilities for commercial or political activities.
3. The university has the right to prohibit students from using its name, finances, and physical and operating facilities for commercial activities.
4. The university has the right and obligation to provide students with the use of meeting rooms under the rules of the campus, including the use of space for political purposes such as political clubs; to prohibit the use of its rooms by individual members or groups of members on a regular or a prolonged basis as free headquarters for political campaigns; and to prohibit the use of its name, finances, and office equipment and supplies for any political purpose at any time.
5. The university has neither the right nor the obligation to take a position in party politics and public issues, except on those issues which directly affect its autonomy, academic functions, financial support and the freedom of its members.
6. The university has the right and obligation to protect students and their visitors from physical harm, threats of harm or abuse; its property from damage and unauthorized use; and its academic and administrative processes from interruption.
7. The university has a right to require students to identify themselves by name and address. Additionally, visitors to the campus may be required to state what connection, if any, they have with the university.
8. The university has the right to set reasonable standards of conduct in order to safeguard the educational process and provide for the safety of students and protection of university property.
9. The student has the responsibility to act in a manner that is conducive to learning by the student and by other students by being: prepared, prompt, attentive and courteous in all academic settings (including classrooms, laboratories, libraries, advising centers, departmental and faculty offices, etc.) and complying with requests made by a faculty or staff member in an academic setting.

Violation Procedures
All students have the right to fair and equitable procedures which shall determine the validity of charges that they have violated university regulations.
1. Students have a right to expect that the procedures shall be structured to facilitate a reliable determination of the truth or falseness of the charges, provide a fundamental fairness to the parties and be effective as an instrument for the maintenance of order.
2. Students have the right to know in advance the range of sanctions for violations of university policies. The definition of adequate cause for separation from the university should be clearly formulated and made public.
3. Charges of minor infractions of the regulations, penalized by small fines or reprimands (which do not become part of a permanent record), may be handled expeditiously by an appropriate individual or committee, but students so penalized have the right to appeal.
4. In the case of charges of regulation infractions which may lead to a notation on a permanent record or to more serious penalties such as suspension or expulsion, students have the right to formal procedures with adequate due process, including the right to appeal.
5. Students charged or convicted of violations of a general law may be subject to university sanctions for the same conduct, in accordance with university policies and procedures, when the conduct is in violation of a university rule.
6. James Madison University does not represent accusing faculty or staff members or students, but provides a process for fact finding and fair decision making.
7. James Madison University reserves the right to hold students accountable for certain types of off-campus behavior. Disciplinary action will result if a student’s behavior jeopardizes the educational atmosphere or mission of the institution. Examples of such off-campus behavior would include but not be limited to crimes of violence, sexual assault and/or alcohol or drug violations.

III. UNIVERSITY JUDICIAL POLICIES

University Judicial System

Mission Statement
James Madison University is a community of diverse individuals who have come together for the purpose of education. As with any community, the university must establish guidelines for behavior which will produce the type of environment necessary to best achieve its educational mission. The basic purpose of judicial policies and related enforcement procedures must, of necessity, be to support an environment in which student learning and personal development can take place.

Judicial Policies
The following pages contain an alphabetical listing of a number of areas which have required definitive regulation in the past. In cases not specifically covered here, students will be expected nonetheless to govern their behavior so as to safeguard the education process, protect individual and institutional rights and property and ensure the safety of all members of the university community.

J1-100 Bicycles
The use of bicycles for transportation by the JMU community is an integral part of campus life. With the increased use of bikes comes a heightened concern for their safe operation. The Office of Public Safety, with assistance from students, faculty members and staff, developed these biking guidelines to help bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists share and enjoy a safe campus.

J1-101 Where To Ride
J1-101.1 Ride as close as possible to the right edge of the roadway. Exceptions to this are when bicyclists are overtaking and passing another vehicle, preparing for a left turn, avoiding unsafe conditions or when the lane width is too narrow to share with a motor vehicle. Bicycles are not excluded from riding on the berm or shoulder.
J1-101.2 Do not ride between two lanes of traffic moving in the same direction unless one lane is a separate or mandatory turn lane.
J1-101.3 Ride single file on highways. Bicyclists may ride two or more abreast on paths or parts of highways designated exclusively for bicycle use.
J1-101.4 Bicycles (and pedestrians) are prohibited from interstate and certain other controlled-access highways. The restricted sections of the highways are marked with conspicuous signs.
J1-101.5 When a usable bicycle path is located next to a roadway and local ordinance requires its use, bicyclists must ride on the path, not on the roadway.
J1-101.6 Bicycles may be ridden on sidewalks unless prohibited by local ordinance or traffic control devices. While on the sidewalks, bicyclists must always yield the right of way to pedestrians and give an audible signal before passing a pedestrian. Yield the right of way to pedestrians or vehicles when pulling onto a sidewalk or highway from a driveway.
J1-102 Changing Directions
J1-102.1 Obey all traffic signs, signals, lights and markings just as you would if operating a motor vehicle.
J1-102.2 Signal your intentions to stop or turn. The signals do not have to be given continuously if both hands are needed to control the bicycle.

J1-102.3 Make left turns as pedestrians would: continue straight across the intersecting road, obey the traffic signals, turn left at the corner and proceed as usual. Bicyclists may also dismount and walk in the crosswalks of the two intersecting roads.

J1-103 Passing
J1-103.1 Overtake and pass another vehicle only when it is safe to do so. Bicyclists may pass another vehicle on the right or left, and they may stay in the same lane, change lanes or ride off the road if necessary for safe passing. Note that passing motor vehicles on the right side may be extremely dangerous if the motorist does not see the bicyclist and attempts a right turn.

J1-103.2 Motorists must approach and pass a bicyclist at a safe distance and reasonable speed.

J1-104 Accidents
Stop when you are in an accident. Report accidents involving death, injury or property damage. Give your name and address to the police and to any person involved in the accident or the property owner. If unattended property is damaged, make a reasonable effort to find the owner. Your name must be given to the owner. If the owner cannot be located, leave a note in a conspicuous place at the accident site and report the accident to the police within 24 hours.

J1-105 Safety Considerations
J1-105.1 Do not carry other riders on the handlebars or ride two to a bike (unless it is a two-person bicycle).

J1-105.2 Do not carry articles which prevent you from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.

J1-105.3 Do not attach yourself or your bicycle to any other vehicle on the roadway.

J1-105.4 Earphones are prohibited while riding a bicycle.

J1-105.5 Every bicycle ridden between sunset and sunrise must have a white light on its front with the light being visible at least 500 feet to the front. The bicycle must also have a red reflector on the rear, visible 300 feet to the rear. A red light visible 500 feet to the rear may be used in place of or in addition to the red reflector.

J1-106 Public Safety Responsibility
It is imperative that all riders obey the laws and local ordinances pertaining to the safe operation of bicycles. It is the responsibility of public safety officials to maintain a safe campus environment through enforcement of those provisions. Where breaches in safe operation of bicycles arise, public safety personnel may refer a student to the university judicial system.

J1-107 Hints for Safe and Responsible
Bike Riding on Campus
J1-107.1 Ride on the sidewalks where possible; give way to pedestrians.

J1-107.2 Attempt to spare the grass where possible by riding on the paved walkways and roadways. To prevent erosion, do not ride on the walking tour trails of the arboretum.

J1-107.3 Stay off athletic playing fields and out of Bridgeforth Stadium.

J1-107.4 Do not ride bikes in residential, academic or administrative facilities (indoor bike tracks are exempted).

If the operation of a bicycle is particularly reckless, involves gross negligence or disregard of others' welfare, excessive speed or refusal to comply with reasonable official requests, the rider may be subject to adjudication for the "Noncompliance with an Official Request" or "Dangerous Practices" policies found in the handbook.

J1-108 Registration
Both the City of Harrisonburg and JMU require all bicycles to be registered. All campus residents must register their bicycles with the Office of Public Safety and affix the issued numerical decal to the bike. Off-campus residents operating bicycles on campus may register their bicycles with either the city of Harrisonburg or JMU.

J1-109 Storage
J1-109.1 No bicycle may be kept anywhere inside academic or administrative buildings. If all the residents of a living unit concur, bicycles may be stored in students' rooms and suites. Storage may occur only within the confines of the prescribed areas. Bikes should never be left in halls, corridors, stairwells or on landings or handicapped ramps.

J1-109.2 Bicycles improperly placed in campus residences, Greek housing, other campus facilities or handicapped ramps will be confiscated by the university. Wall mountings to store bicycles are not permitted and damages caused by the storage or transportation of a bicycle are the responsibility of the bicycle's owner.

J1-109.3 Motorcycles, mopeds and other motorized vehicles are not allowed in stairwells or corridors of resident or other facilities. Towing charges may be assessed for removal.

J1-109.4 When possible, lock your bicycle to bike racks; do not secure them to trees, railings, lamp posts, fences or handicapped ramps. Bicycles are not to be stored in campus bike racks or otherwise left on campus or within university facilities by persons not currently enrolled for classes. This includes the summer months. Such bikes are considered abandoned property and are subject to confiscation, storage and subsequent sale as state property.

J1-110 Further Suggestions for Bike Safety
J1-110.1 Use of a helmet is strongly recommended.

J1-110.2 Pedestrians should not step in front of cyclists, who may not be able to stop in time.

J1-110.3 Remember when riding up behind pedestrians or other cyclists, they most likely will not hear your approach. Alert pedestrians when overtaking or passing with an audible warning.

J1-110.4 Be predictable; ride in a straight line.

J1-110.5 Motor vehicle operators should remember that the bike is a vehicle with the same rights as an automobile. Before opening your door, check for passing cyclists. Don't overtake a cyclist and then make a right turn in front of the bike. Give riders at least six feet of leeway, in the event they fall. Most importantly, signal your intentions, especially when turning to the right.

J1-110.6 Ride defensively - expect a car or truck to pull out from a side street. Gain eye contact; use an audible warning.

J1-110.7 Stay out of the gutter; take your place on the traveled portion of the roadway.

J1-110.8 Be visible with bright colors; use lights and reflective material so you will be noticed.

If you need more information or are looking for places to ride or people to ride with, contact:
- Center for Off-Campus Living, 568-6071
- Office of Residence Life, 568-6275
- Office of Public Safety (Parking), 568-3300 weekdays; 568-6913 evenings and weekends.

J2-100 Camping or Shelter Construction
J2-101.1 Constructing shelters, camping or sleeping out on university-owned or -operated properties is prohibited at all times.

J3-100 Campus Election Rules
J3-101.1 No student shall in any way tamper with or illegally influence voting or vote counting procedures or regulations as set forth by the Student Government Association for any campus election.

J4-100 The Commons
The Commons, a circular gathering area and the adjacent hillside, is located between Warren Hall and Gibbons Hall. This area is designated as a student activity space and is used for a variety of cultural, educational, recreational and organizational programs of interest to the general campus. Due to the high amount of pedestrian traffic through the area and its proximity to academic and service facilities, special consideration and approval are required for use of the space.

J4-101 All programs must be coordinated through the University Center Events and Conferences Office and are subject to the review of the director of the University Center or his or her appointee.

J4-102 All activity policies including "Facility Use," "Guest Speakers" and the "Right of Expression" apply to The Commons.
J4-103 In case of inclement weather, use of university equipment will be denied.
J4-104 Sound amplification is permitted only between noon and 1 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m. as confirmed through the reservation process.

J5-100 Computer Misuse
James Madison University provides computing and telecommunications resources and facilities as a part of a student's association with the university. As a user of this technology, a student is expected to use these resources responsibly and to abide by the applicable laws and policies respecting computer usage at JMU. University policies particular to computing are in section 1200 of the James Madison University Manual of Policies and Procedures. However, policies from other sections are applicable as well and may be relevant to computing use. All policies can be found on the JMU Homepage at http://www.jmu.edu/JMUpolicy/

Any misuse of University network or computing resources or services is expressly prohibited. Examples of misuse include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

J5-101 Committing computer fraud, forgery, harassment, personal abuse, trespassing, theft, embezzlement or invasion of privacy.
J5-102 Tampering with files or information that belong to someone else.
J5-103 Using the computer to examine, modify or copy programs or data other than one's own without proper authorization. This includes plagiarism and/or violations of copyright.
J5-104 Degrading or attempting to degrade computer hardware or software performance or to alter or circumvent established security measures.
J5-105 Depriving or attempting to deprive other users of access to computing/network resources or services.

Under no circumstances does the university condone or permit: the unauthorized copying of computer software or other copyrighted material; the use of another person's computer ID, telecommunications account or access privileges; the unauthorized access or use of another person's files (whether inside or outside the computer system); the intentional abuse or interference with the operation of any university computer, network or telecommunications system; the intentional interference with the work of other users or wasting of computer resources. Using computing resources in other forms of misconduct such as harassment, invasion of privacy, libel, falsifying identity, etc. are violations of University policy and/or law and will be dealt with accordingly.

J6-100 Dangerous Practices
No student shall engage in any activity which shall endanger the lives or safety of that student or of others in any building or on any property owned or controlled by the university. This includes but is not limited to the following activities:

J6-101 The use or possession of fireworks, firecrackers, gunpowder or any dangerous chemicals or explosive materials.
J6-102 Inappropriate or dangerous use of fires, open flames, candles, matches or other flammable materials in all residence halls, apartments or in any other building owned or operated by the university.
J6-103 Blocking or in any way preventing use of fire exit doors, handicapped ramps, residence hall mom doors and building hallways.
J6-104 Improper use of electrical appliances or wiring which creates a fire hazard. Activities carried out in science classes or laboratories under faculty guidance are exempt from this policy.

J7-100 Destruction or Attempted Destruction of Property
J7-101 No student shall intentionally or negligently damage, attempt to damage or participate in the damage of property belonging to or in the care of the university, a member of the university community or a campus visitor.
J7-102 Damage which is caused accidentally should be promptly reported to a residence hall staff member or an appropriate university official. Failure to report accidental damage will be considered a violation of this policy.

J8-100 Disorderly Conduct
No student shall cause or incite any disturbance, excessive noise or contention in or near any building or any other property owned or operated by the university.

J9-100 Facility Use
Facilities may only be reserved by a recognized student organization or by a faculty/staff adviser for the proposed use. Recognized student organizations seeking the use of university space for activities such as meetings, dances, programs and other events must request such space through the Events and Conferences office in the University Center. Any organization requesting space must designate two members from its organization to attend one “Nuts and Bolts” training session each year prior to reserving space. The same organizational members are the only authorized individual from that organization with the ability to make and oversee arrangements for university space. This individual is also responsible for knowing and adhering to all policies pertaining to reservations made for their organization as well as passing information on to club members. All reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance, with the exception of Phillips, Wilson Auditorium, Grafton-Stovall and the Commons which require two weeks notice. Requests involving food service must be addressed to the JMU Dining Services Office of Special Events directly. University Center Events and Conferences is the contact for all University Center facilities, Wilson Auditorium, the JMU Farm, classrooms, The Commons and university transportation vehicles. Under certain conditions, a rental fee for the use of the facility may apply.

J10-100 Failure to Comply with a Disciplinary Decision
J10-101 No student shall fail to comply with any disciplinary conditions imposed by the Judicial Council or the Office of Judicial Affairs.

J11-100 False Alarms and Fire Drills
J11-101 No student shall pull a fire alarm except in case of an actual fire.
J11-102 No student shall disregard a fire alarm signal or refuse to evacuate a building.
J11-103 No student shall enter or exit from a fire escape except during a fire drill or in the case of an actual fire.

J12-100 Falsification of Official Information
J12-101 No student shall alter, replicate or have in his or her possession an altered university identification card (JMU Access Card), nor shall he or she alter, replicate or enter false information on an official university document.
J12-102 No student shall provide false information or fail to provide current information to the university for the purpose of defrauding the university.

J13-100 Fire Suppression/Detection Equipment
J13-101 No student shall, without authorization, operate, tamper with or otherwise misuse any fire suppression equipment, except for the purpose of extinguishing a fire.
J13-102 No student shall tamper with or otherwise misuse any fire detection or early warning devices, emergency lighting or evacuation systems.

J14-100 Gambling
J14-101 No student shall make, or assist in the making of, a wager of money or any other thing of value in exchange for a chance to win money as the result of any game or contest.

J15-100 Guest Speakers
J15-101 As a public service policy, JMU makes its facilities available for lectures, institutes, workshops, conferences, guest speakers and other programs.
J16-100 Harassment

It is the established policy of JMU to provide a work and study environment for faculty and staff members and students free from all forms of harassment, intimidation and exploitation. Harassment is offensive verbal or physical conduct when J16-101 Submission to the conduct is a condition of employment or admission of an applicant;
J16-102 Submission to or rejection of the conduct is the basis for personnel action (recommendation for promotion or tenure) or grades;
J16-103 The conduct seriously affects a student's performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive work or study environment. The conduct includes but is not limited to behaviors referring to a person's race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, veteran status, political affiliation, sexual orientation or disability.

J16-104 Questions, assistance or violations related to this policy should be directed to the university's Office of Affirmative Action, Burruss Hall, Room 128, 568-6991.
J16-105 As an alternative, the student may deal with harassment in any of the following ways. If you believe that you have been harassed by a staff member, faculty member or by a student employee, you should take one or more of the following actions:
J16-105.1 Discuss the matter with the faculty or staff member involved, explaining why a particular comment or action was offensive.
J16-105.2 Discuss the matter with the immediate supervisor of the faculty or staff member, giving an account of the comment or action in question.
J16-106 If you believe that you have been harassed by a student, you should take one or more of the following actions:
J16-106.1 Discuss the matter with the accused, explaining why a particular comment or action was offensive.
J16-106.2 Bring a charge of harassment to the Office of Judicial Affairs in Fredericksen Hall, C-Section.
J16-107 If a student employee believes that he or she has been a victim of harassment, he or she should take one or more of the following actions:
J16-107.1 Discuss the matter with the accused, explaining why a particular comment or action was offensive.
J16-107.2 Discuss the matter with the immediate supervisor of the accused, giving an account of the comment or action in question.
J16-107.3 Contact the student employment office at 568-6165.
J16-108 Regardless of who the alleged harasser is, you may discuss the matter with the associate vice president for student affairs, the director of the Counseling and Student Development Center or the Office of Affirmative Action, giving full details of the alleged harassment. You will be advised of proper university procedures that can be pursued.
J16-109 If requested, complaints will be held in confidence and counseling will be provided. No investigation or action against the accused person will be taken on your behalf unless you consent to be identified, if necessary, to the individual accused in connection with the investigation.
J16-110 A student also has the option of filing a formal charge of harassment with the U.S. Department of Education. Its address and telephone number are available from the affirmative action officer in Burruss Hall, Room 128.

J17-100 Hazing

In keeping with JMU's expectations for a positive academic environment, the university unconditionally opposes any situation created intentionally to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Hazing, under Virginia law, is defined as activities for the initiation or induction into an organization which include calisthenics or other strenuous physical activity; exposure to inclement weather; consumption of any food, liquid, beverage, drug or other substance; confinement in any room or compartment; spraying, painting or pelting with any substance; burning in any substance; burning, branding or tattooing; or any other activity which may result in physical injury or endanger the health or life of the individual being hazed.

J17-101 Section 18.2-56 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, which declares hazing illegal, establishes conditions for civil and criminal liability and outlines the duties of the university when a student has been found guilty of hazing. It is hereby incorporated as part of this policy and will serve as a guide for action by the university when hazing results in bodily injury.

J18-100 Interference with the Judicial or Honor Council Process

No student shall engage in any activity which disrupts, unfairly influences or obstructs the Judicial or Honor Council process of JMU. This includes but is not limited to the following activities:
J18-101 Attempting to influence, intimidate or threaten any witness, council member or other participant involved in the preparation of a case or the procedures constituting a judicial proceeding.
J18-102 Inappropriately or illegally distributing, announcing or publishing confidential judicial information, letters or decisions.
J18-103 Giving false information to the Judicial or Honor Council or to a judicial hearing officer or honor council coordinator.

J19-100 Littering

J19-101 No student shall intentionally dispose of refuse of any kind in or near any building owned or operated by the university except in receptacles provided for that purpose.
J19-102 No receptacle used for trash shall be overturned.

J20-100 Newman Lake

The lake is not available for recreational purposes.
J20-101 Boating, skating and swimming are prohibited.
J20-102 Fishing is permitted, angler must possess a valid Virginia fishing license.

J21-100 Noncompliance with an Official Request

J21-101 No student shall fail to comply with reasonable and lawful requests or directions by members of the faculty, administrative staff, residence hall staff or other employees acting in the performance of their official duties. A request for proper identification from a student is a reasonable expectation.
J21-102 No student shall fail to answer promptly lawful requests from faculty members or administrative officers of the university.
J21-103 No student shall intentionally provide false information, verbally or in writing, to faculty or staff members acting in the performance of their official duties.
J21-104 The student has the responsibility to act in a manner that is conducive to learning by the student and by other students by: being prepared, prompt, attentive and courteous in all academic settings (including classrooms, laboratories, libraries, advising centers, departmental and faculty offices, etc.) and complying with requests made by a faculty or staff member in an academic setting.

J22-100 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans With Disabilities Act, JMU does not discriminate on the basis of disability. This requirement not to discriminate in educational programs and activities extends to employment by the university and admission thereto.
J22-101 Inquiries concerning the application of Section 504 and the implementing regulations may be referred to the disabilities coordinator, Roop Hall, Room 343, or you may call 568-6705.
J22-102 Inquiries relative to the Americans With Disabilities Act should be referred to the Office of Affirmative Action, Burruss Hall, Room 128, or you may call 568-6991 or (TDD) 568-7902. This office serves as the coordinator for ADA concerns.
Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex

James Madison University does not discriminate on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities. The university is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments (PL92-318) of 1972 and Department of Education regulations to implement Title IX, Prohibition of Sex Discrimination in Educational Programs and Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance not to discriminate. This requirement extends to employment by the university and to admission thereto. There is, too, a broader federal statute which the university complies: Title VII which includes race, sex, national origin, age, etc.

J23-101 Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination and also is covered under both statutes.

J23-102 Inquiries concerning the application of Title IX and the implementing regulations may be referred to the Title IX coordinator, Office of Affirmative Action, Burruss Hall, Room 128, MSC 7802, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA 22807, 540-568-6991; or to the director of the Office of Education. Questions concerning Title VII also may be referred to the Office of Affirmative Action or to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC.) Addresses and telephone numbers are available from the Office of Affirmative Action.

J23-103 Grievance Procedure. A student who wants to initiate a grievance involving sex discrimination should confer first with the faculty member, administrative person or student directly involved.

J23-104 If the matter is not resolved and the student wishes to appeal beyond the accused faculty member or administrative person, he or she may go to the department head or division director, then to the dean of the school, if applicable, and finally, to the appropriate vice president. If the accused is another student, the person with the grievance may bring a charge of discrimination to the Office of Judicial Affairs.

J23-105 After exhausting the informal remedies, the student may institute a formal written complaint. The procedure for handling such complaints for either statute may be obtained from the university's Office of Affirmative Action. The specifics of filing a complaint may be viewed in the JMU Policy #1324, Grievance Procedures for Allegations of Harassment (Including Sexual Harassment) or Discrimination.

J24-100 Obscene Conduct

J24-101 No student shall engage in lewd, indecent or obscene conduct or expression on university property or in university-owned or -operated buildings.

J25-100 Parking

J25-101 All motor vehicles to be parked on campus by members of the university community (faculty and staff members and students) Monday through Friday must be registered with the university police within 24 hours after classes begin for a semester or summer session or on the first work day after bringing a motor vehicle to campus.

J25-102 Specific parking regulations accompany each issued permit or are available on request or online at www.jmu.edu/pub-safety/parking.htm

J26-100 Personal Abuse

J26-101 No student shall threaten anyone with physical harm, direct obscenities at anyone or direct expressions at anyone that can be reasonably anticipated to provoke a violent reaction from that person.

J27-100 Pets

J27-101 Students shall not bring any pet belonging to them or under their control into any university-owned or -operated building, or chain a pet outside any academic building where it may disrupt classroom activities through barking or other noise.

Owners must keep dogs on a leash at all times. All actions of any dog will be the responsibility of the owner. Violations of this policy will be handled as follows:

J27-101.1 In or near classrooms, academic buildings, administrative buildings or physical education facilities, the person responsible for bringing the pet into the building will be asked to remove the pet immediately. If the individual refuses or the owner cannot be found, university police will be called and appropriate action taken.

J27-101.2 Students found with a pet in university housing will automatically be given notice that they are being charged for each pet and that they have 24 hours to remove the pet. Students failing to remove their pet within the 24-hour period will be charged an additional daily fine per pet. Continued failure to comply with this regulation may result in termination of the housing contract.

J27-101.3 Students bringing pets into Warren Hall, Taylor Hall, Phillips Hall, Gibbons Hall or the Shenandoah Room of Chandler Hall will be assessed a fee for each occurrence.

J28-100 Projectiles

J28-101 No student shall throw or cause to be projected any object or substance, which has potential for damaging or defacing university or private property or causing personal injury or disruption.

J29-100 Public Health Policy

J29-101 Any student whose mental or physical health might result in behaviors that jeopardize the safety or well-being of the student or any other individual may be required by university officials to have an examination by a university physician or a designee of the university’s counseling center staff to assess whether the student's physical or mental health poses a danger to the safety or well-being of the student and/or others. This requirement constitutes an official request.

J29-102 In the case of physical health issues, should the physician determine that a well-being or safety concern exists, the student's status at the university will be reviewed by the appropriate offices within the Division of Student Affairs, and the student may be subject to involuntary administrative withdrawal from the university or from university housing.

J29-103 In the case of mental health issues, should the counseling center designee determine that the student poses a threat to the safety or well-being of self and/or others, a mental health evaluation will be made by the counseling center staff and/or the university psychiatrist and a treatment regime will be determined. This treatment regime will be reviewed with the individual and a written copy provided to the student. At this juncture, an interim hold may be placed on the student's status. Removal of this hold will depend on the student's compliance with the recommended treatment plan. Failure to comply with the recommended treatment plan may subject the student to involuntary administrative withdrawal from the university. Should the student contest the treatment plan, he or she may request that a credentialed mental health practitioner acceptable to the counseling center and the student review the treatment regime.

J29-104 Within two business days from receipt of notification of the proposed treatment regime, a student subject to an interim hold may request a hearing with the vice president for student affairs or designee. The student will then be given an opportunity to appear personally before the vice president or designee in order to review the following issues only:

J29-104.1 The reliability of the information concerning the student's behavior;

J29-104.2 Whether or not the student's behavior poses a danger of causing imminent, serious physical harm to the student or others, causing significant property damage or directly and substantially impeding the lawful activities of others;

J29-104.3 Whether or not the student has completed an evaluation in accordance with these standards and procedures.

J29-105 Pending completion of the information hearing, the student will remain under the interim hold. The student will be allowed to enter the campus to attend the hearing, or for other necessary purposes, as authorized in writing by the vice president for student affairs or designee. The decision of the vice president or designee shall be final and conclusive and not subject to appeal.
J30-100 Records

James Madison University maintains the following education records as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

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J30-101 Procedures for Inspection and Review

Students who have not waived their rights to their records and who want to inspect and review their education records may do so by submitting a written request to the official responsible for the specific record desired. The responsible official must respond within 45 days of the request by sending the student a copy of the requested record or arranging an appointment for the student to review the requested record.

Copies of education records or record entries, with certain exceptions, may be obtained by the student. The university reserves the right to deny a copy of an education record for which a financial hold exists or a transcript of an original source document which exists elsewhere.

J30-102 Procedures for Challenging the Contents of an Education Record

Students may challenge the contents of an education record which they consider to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of their privacy rights. Students may initiate a challenge by submitting a written request to the custodian of the particular record in question. The custodian shall attempt to resolve the problem through informal discussions. If a challenge to a record is not satisfactorily resolved by this procedure, the student will be informed of his or her right to a formal hearing of the procedures to be followed concerning such a hearing and its composition.

J31-100 Responsibility for Guests

J31-101 Students are fully responsible for the actions of their guests and should not have more guests at any one time than they can supervise and control.

J31-102 Student hosts will be held accountable for any damage or violation of regulations by their guests.

J32-100 Right of Expression

JMU seeks to preserve students' privileges to take active roles in exercising their rights of expression, conscience, affiliation and peaceful assembly. At the same time, the university also recognizes its responsibility to ensure the rights and freedom of those who want to pursue their educational interest without interference. The following procedures have therefore been established to guarantee the orderly functioning of all rights while also providing for the safety and protection of members of the university community.

J32-101 All demonstrations or peaceful assemblies must be registered with the University Center director or designee at least 48 hours in advance. Standard space reservation procedures must be followed for the use of any university space. Demonstrations or peaceful assemblies are generally defined as any public manifestation of welcome, appeal, approval, disapproval, protest or conscience by a student or group of students. (Assemblies commonly associated with social or athletic events are not usually within the purview of this definition.)

J32-102 At the time of the registration, the student or groups of students will be advised by the University Center director or designee of any guidelines that will be required for the demonstration or peaceful assembly. Guidelines may include the time, place and duration of the demonstration or assembly and the maximum number of people who may participate. The decisions of the University Center director regarding any demonstration or assembly guidelines may be appealed within 24 hours to the vice president for student affairs.

J32-103 Blocking or impeding vehicular or pedestrian traffic is prohibited.

J32-104 Blocking access to or from campus buildings or offices is prohibited.

J32-105 No activity that promotes violence against person or property is permitted.

J32-106 Observers may not interfere with participants of the demonstration or assembly in any way.

J32-107 Activities of participants or observers that disrupt or disturb classes, meetings or any other normal functions of the university are prohibited.

J32-108 All individuals participating in or observing a demonstration or peaceful assembly must comply with any request of the University Center director, designee or campus police.

J32-109 Banning or picketing that interferes with the normal operations of the buildings will not be permitted.

J32-110 Any student who violates any part(s) of this policy will be referred by the University Center director or campus police for university judicial action. A recognized organization that violates any part(s) of the policy may have penalties imposed upon it by the University Center director.

J33-100 Search Policy

Because a university is viewed as an educational community with special behavioral requirements, the courts have upheld the university's right to enter and search student rooms and suites with just cause. However, the entry and search must not be done in an arbitrary and capricious manner which unnecessarily deprives a student of fundamental constitutional protection. The university housing staff will also make periodic inspections of students' rooms and suites for safety and health reasons. Violations observed during routine inspections and/or building evacuations may be referred to the Office of Judicial Affairs. The intent of this policy is to provide protection for the rights of each James Madison University student while at the same time providing staff members and university officials the means to maintain and protect the educational environment necessary for the university to fulfill its primary purpose.

J33-101 Emergency Entry

J33-101.1 A staff member may, without verbal or written authorization from a higher authority, enter a student's room or suite either forcibly or with a building master key in cases of fire, explosion, bomb threat, attempted or suspected suicide, or other situations which call for the immediate entry in the interest of safety and security both for the residents of the room or suite and the physical plant.

J33-101.2 Any unauthorized or illegal items observed in student rooms or suites during an emergency entry will not be used as a basis for criminal prosecution. However, in the event of suspected vandalism, arson, assault or other violations of major university policy which may have occurred in a room, university police will be called in to conduct an investigation. The results of such an investigation may result in disciplinary action or criminal prosecution.

J33-102 Authorized Entry

In the case of a known violation of a university policy, a staff member may request permission to make an authorized entry into a student's room or suite. The request will be made to the appropriate student affairs staff member, who will determine the merits of the request and either approve or disapprove the entry. In cases where the entry is approved, the appropriate student affairs staff member will indicate to the staff what information to include on the approval form. The staff will then notify those residing in the room that authorization has been obtained to enter the room by use of
whatever means necessary. An authorized entry form will be filled out by the staff that will state exactly which areas may be inspected. When a room or suite is entered by means of an authorized entry, the purpose will be to make a visual inspection of the room and observed violations may be referred to the Office of Judicial Affairs. The staff member also may look in the bathroom, the closet and under the bed. Cabinets, drawers, luggage and other small storage areas will not be searched during an authorized entry.

**J33-103 Authorized Entry and Search**

When a staff member has reasonable cause to believe that a student has violated a university policy and relevant or prohibited materials remain in his or her room or suite, a request may be made for an authorized entry and search. The request will be directed to the appropriate student affairs staff member, who will then inform the vice president for student affairs. After considering the request, the vice president for student affairs may give a written or verbal authorization to conduct an authorized entry and search of a student’s room or suite for specified items. An authorized entry and search form will then be filled out by the appropriate student affairs staff member. A copy of the completed form will be given to the residents of the room or suite if they are present. In the event that the vice president for student affairs is not available, the appropriate student affairs staff member should contact the director of residence life, who will then contact the president of the university or his representative.

**J33-104 Search Warrant Entry**

In those cases where an individual has personal knowledge or other information of a violation of a criminal nature, such as theft or acts of violence, university police are to be contacted. The police will then determine whether or not sufficient evidence exists to request a search warrant.

**J34-100 Sexual Assault**

Sexual assault is defined as sexual contact without consent and includes intentional touching, either of the victim or when the victim is forced to touch, directly or through clothing, another person’s genitalia, breasts, thighs or buttocks; rape (sexual intercourse without consent whether by an acquaintance or a stranger); attempted rape; sodomy (oral sex anal intercourse) without consent; or sexual penetration with an object without consent. To constitute lack of consent, acts must be committed by force, intimidation or through use of the victim’s mental incapacity or physical helplessness. Intoxication may indicate an inability to give consent. Verbal misconduct, without accompanying physical contact as described above, is not defined as sexual assault. Verbal misconduct may constitute sexual harassment, which is also prohibited under university regulations and is specifically addressed elsewhere in this handbook.

**J35-100 Smoking**

**J35-101** Smoking in university buildings is prohibited.

**J35-102** Exceptions include the following areas:

- **J35-102.1** Faculty and staff members’ private offices.
- **J35-102.2** Library-designated smoking room in basement.
- **J35-102.3** Each hall council will establish policy for the residence hall at the beginning of each year.

**J36-100 Soliciting, Petitioning, Selling, Surveying and Publicizing**

**J36-101** No student organization shall engage in advertising or selling any goods, services or tickets; nor shall they solicit for any purpose whatsoever on university property or in university buildings without first obtaining the written approval of the coordinator of student organization development. Sales and solicitation may only take place in the areas designated by the University Center.

**J36-101.1** Students or student organizations must obtain written approval from the coordinator of student organization development before petitioning or surveying students. Surveys that are a part of an academic requirement must be approved by the instructor, department head and academic dean before approval will be given by the coordinator of student organization development.

**J36-101.2** No student, nonuniversity-related organizations or individuals may sell or solicit on the campus for any purpose whatsoever without first obtaining the sponsorship of a recognized student organization. The sponsoring organization must then obtain the written approval of the coordinator of student organization development, make all arrangements for space, acknowledge sponsorship in writing and delineate the financial arrangements between the sponsor and the nonuniversity organization or individual.

**J36-101.3** Sales or solicitation involving food items require additional approval by the dining services department. Sales or solicitation of merchandise require additional approval by the director of the university bookstore.

**J36-101.4** All students or organizations who solicit off campus on behalf of a group or organization associated with JMU must have the written approval of the vice president for university advancement and the University Center.

**J36-102** All students or organizations planning to conduct programs on or off campus requiring a contractual agreement with nonuniversity agencies must obtain the written approval of the director of the University Center and other pertinent university officials.

**J36-103** Sales and solicitation by students, organizations, non-students and nonuniversity-related organizations are prohibited in the residence halls. Programs or demonstrations of legitimate products may be presented in residence halls only under the following conditions:

**J36-103.1** The hall council agrees to sponsor the program. Approval by a recorded majority vote of the hall council shall constitute legitimate sponsorship, subject to the review and approval of the director of residence life.

**J36-103.2** Presentations by the sponsored persons or company shall be limited to demonstration or display of merchandise and appropriate promotion; it may not include solicitation or orders, signing of contracts or exchange of money. The demonstration or promotion shall be such that it does not unreasonably disrupt other hall activities.

**J36-103.3** Solicitors may leave calling cards, catalogs or order blanks with students but may not transact business or seek promises for future transactions.

**J36-103.4** A member of the residence hall staff must agree to be present to observe the program.

**J36-103.5** No resident of the hall, hall council member or member of the hall staff may profit from presentation by virtue of his or her role in securing sponsorship for the solicitor. Free gifts, commissions or any other forms of remuneration are not allowed.

**J36-103.6** Door prizes, discounts or any other form of free gifts used to promote attendance or to encourage interest must be available to all on an equal basis.

**J36-103.7** No door-to-door solicitation or distribution is permitted.

**J36-103.8** All programs falling under the definition of this policy must be registered in advance with the Office of Residence Life.

**J36-104** Advertising the sale of alcoholic beverages without an Alcoholic Beverage Control Board license or any phrase or symbol which would lead the reader to believe that alcohol will be served or consumed is prohibited. Students who want to obtain an ABC license should contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

**J36-105** Posters, notices, announcements or other materials may only be displayed on general-purpose bulletin boards inside authorized university-operated buildings or on authorized university property. Materials with dimensions exceeding 11 inches by 17 inches will not be approved for posting. The director of the University Center will define the authorized areas of display for such material. The exterior of academic and administrative buildings as well as all windows, doors and trash receptacles are specifically unauthorized display areas. Refer to the “University Center” section for more information.

**J36-106** No student shall distribute or sell any drug apparatus in any building or on any property owned or operated by the university.

**J36-107** Using chalk to display messages or advertise events on campus sidewalks is prohibited.
J37-100 Sound Amplification Equipment

J37-101 Various outdoor student activity programs require the use of sound amplification equipment. However, the university reserves the right to specify where and when such amplification equipment may be used.

J37-102 Permission and specification for use of sound amplification equipment on campus must be obtained from the director of the University Center.

J38-100 Substance Abuse

J38-101 Alcohol

Persons who violate state laws are subject to prosecution and university disciplinary action. Students are reminded of the following regulations:

J38-101.1 Individuals must be 21 years of age to buy, possess or drink alcoholic beverages.

J38-101.2 Alcoholic beverages may not be sold or furnished to any person who at the time of sale or exchange is underage or visibly under the influence of alcohol.

J38-101.3 Falsely representing one’s age for the purpose of purchasing or possessing alcohol is against state law.

J38-101.4 Drunkenness and/or possession of open containers of alcohol in public areas are prohibited.

J38-101.5 Alcoholic beverages may not be possessed, consumed or consumed at events open to the general university community and held on university property except when specific written approval has been obtained for the event in advance. Sponsors are responsible for assuring that all persons in attendance at an event comply with state alcoholic beverage and university alcohol policy.

J38-101.6 Kegs, party balls or other large containers with alcohol are prohibited without previously approved by Special Events and Catering Services. All kegs and other alcohol containers must also comply with Virginia’s ABC rules and regulations.

J38-102 Drugs

J38-102.1 No student shall use, possess or distribute an illegal drug as defined by the Drug Control Act of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

J38-102.2 University policy conforms with state law with regard to drug paraphernalia.

J38-103 Sanctions

JMU is committed to work against the illicit use of drugs and alcohol among students and employees. Community members who violate local, state or federal law concerning substance abuse/university standards of conduct will be subject to the imposition of university sanctions and referral for prosecution under the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Convictions for violations of state laws could result in penalties as summarized below. If found responsible for a violation of University alcohol and substance abuse policy and/or guilty of state, city or county related laws or ordinances while currently enrolled as a James Madison University student, the student will be subject to JMU sanctions which could include penalties ranging from fines to suspension from the university.

J38-103.1 Alcohol

Virginia’s Alcohol Beverage Control Act contains a variety of laws governing the possession, use and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The act applies to the students and employees of this institution. As required by the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, the pertinent laws, including sanctions for their violation, are summarized below.

1. It is unlawful for any person under age 21 to purchase or possess any alcoholic beverage. Violation of the law exposes the violator to a misdemeanor conviction for which the punishment is either confinement in jail for up to 12 months, a fine up to $2,500 or both. Additionally, such person’s Virginia driver’s license may be suspended for a period of not more than one year.

2. It is unlawful for any person to sell alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21. Violation of the law exposes the violator to a misdemeanor conviction for which the punishment is either confinement in jail for up to 12 months, a fine up to $2,500 or both.

3. It is unlawful for any person to purchase alcoholic beverages for another when, at the time of the purchase, he knows or has reason to know that the person for whom the alcohol is being purchased is under the legal drinking age. The criminal sanction for violation of the law is the same as item 2 above.

4. It is unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic beverages in unlicensed public places. Violation of the law, upon conviction, exposes the violator to a misdemeanor conviction for which the punishment is a fine up to $250.

J38-103.2 Controlled Substances and Illicit Drugs

The unlawful possession, distribution and use of controlled substances and illicit drugs, as defined by the Virginia Drug Control Act, are prohibited in Virginia. Controlled substances are classified under the act into “schedules” ranging from Schedule I through Schedule VI, as defined in sections 54.1-3446 through 54.1-3456 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. As required by the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, the pertinent laws, including sanctions for their violation, are summarized below.

1. Possession of a controlled substance classified in schedules I or II of the Drug Control Act, upon conviction, exposes the violator to a felony conviction for which the punishment is a term of imprisonment ranging from one to 10 years or, in the discretion of the jury or the court trying the case without a jury, either confinement in jail for up to 12 months, a fine up to $2,500 or both.

2. Possession of a controlled substance classified in Schedule III of the Drug Control Act, upon conviction, exposes the violator to a misdemeanor conviction for which the punishment is either confinement in jail for up to 12 months, a fine up to $2,500 or both.

3. Possession of a controlled substance classified in Schedule IV of the Drug Control Act, upon conviction, exposes the violator to a misdemeanor conviction for which the punishment is either confinement in jail for up to six months, a fine up to $1,000 or both.

4. Possession of a controlled substance classified in Schedule V of the Drug Control Act, upon conviction, exposes the violator to a misdemeanor conviction for which the punishment is a fine up to $500.

5. Possession of a controlled substance classified in Schedule VI of the Drug Control Act, upon conviction, exposes the violator to a misdemeanor conviction for which the punishment is a fine up to $250.

6. Possession of a controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II of the Drug Control Act with the intent to sell or otherwise distribute, upon conviction, exposes the violator to a felony conviction for which the punishment is imprisonment from five to 40 years and a fine up to $100,000. Upon a second conviction, the violator must be imprisoned for not less than five years but may suffer life imprisonment, and be fined up to $100,000.

7. Possession of a controlled substance classified in Schedules III, IV or V of the Drug Control Act with the intent to sell or otherwise distribute, upon conviction, exposes the violator to a misdemeanor conviction for which the punishment is either confinement in jail for up to one year, a fine up to $2,500 or both.

8. Possession of marijuana, upon conviction, exposes the violator to a misdemeanor conviction for which the punishment is confinement in jail for up to 30 days, a fine up to $500 or both. Upon a second conviction, punishment is either confinement in jail for up to one year, a fine up to $2,500 or both.

9. Possession of less than one-half ounce of marijuana with intent to sell or otherwise distribute, upon conviction, exposes the violator to a misdemeanor conviction for which the punishment is confinement in jail for up to one year, a fine up to $2,500 or both. If the amount of marijuana involved is more than one-half ounce to five pounds, the crime is a felony with a sanction of imprisonment from one to 10 years or in the discretion of the jury or the court trying the case without a jury either confinement in jail for up to one year, a fine up to $2,500 or both. If the amount of marijuana involved is more than five pounds, the crime is a felony with a sanction of imprisonment from five to 30 years.
J38-104 Health Risks
Many physical and psychological health risks are associated with abuse of alcohol and other substances. Such behavior may result in problems in school, work or relationships. Listed below are some health risks associated with substance abuse.

- Difficulty with attention and learning
- Physical and psychological dependence
- Damage to the brain, liver, heart
- Unwanted sexual activity
- Accidents due to impaired judgment and coordination
- Blackouts, poisoning, overdose
- Psychological problems
- Driving under the influence/driving while intoxicated arrests
- Interference with emotional and academic well-being of other students or family members
- Abusive/violent behavior
- Disorientation
- Loss of appetite

Staff members at the health center and the counseling center can provide you with additional information about these concerns. If you are worried about your own health or that of a friend, please consult one of the resource people listed for assistance.

J38-105 Campus Resources
- Counseling and Student Development Center, Varner House, 568-6552
- Assistant Director for Sexual Assault & Substance Abuse Prevention, Health Center, 568-6177
- Peer Educators, Health Center, 568-6177
- Office of Judicial Affairs, Frederikson Hall, C-Section, 568-6218
- Assistant Director for Sexual Assault & Substance Abuse Prevention, Health Center, 568-6177
- Office of Judicial Affairs, Frederikson Hall, C-Section, 568-6218
- For additional information about local resources for treatment of substance abuse problems, consult the Counseling and Student Development Center or the University Health Center.

J38-106 Large Events
The following areas are available to groups for large events:
- Phillips Hall Ballroom
- Godwin Hall
- Convocation Center
- Gibbons Hall
- Designated, confined outdoor space in low-traffic areas of campus in a moderately self-controlled environment
- Other areas as approved by the vice president for student affairs

Sponsors of events that are "closed" (open only to members of the sponsoring group and their specifically invited guests) may, in addition to the areas listed above, request approval to serve alcoholic beverages in the following areas:
- Approved areas in residence halls and Greek houses
- Approved residence hall suites and lounges
- Chandler Hall, Shenandoah Room
- University Farm/Pavilion
- Other areas designated by the vice president for student affairs

Hosts planning to charge guests individually to support the cost of alcohol provided at an event need to apply for a special event license. Persons requesting an ABC license may obtain a form to be submitted to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs from Alumnae Hall, Room 208.

J38-107 Conditions for Approval of Events
Where Alcohol is Served
1. The expectation is that the majority of persons in attendance will have reached the legal age for the beverage being served before consideration will be given for the application of an ABC license.
2. The focus of the event is not limited to alcohol consumption.
3. Nonalcoholic beverages must be available at all times that alcoholic beverages are being sold and at a comparable price.
4. Sponsors will provide solid food in order to moderate the effects of alcohol consumption and will continue to have food available as long as alcohol is being served.
5. No social event shall include any form of "drinking contest" in its activities or promotion.
6. Publicly distributed materials, including advertisements for any university event, shall not make reference to the availability of alcoholic beverages.
7. Individuals sponsoring the event are responsible for taking measures to ensure that alcoholic beverages are not accessible or served to persons under the legal age. This requires verifying age on entry to the event and checking those who may drink alcohol where it is served. Persons serving or checking alcohol may not consume it prior to or while serving.
8. The entry or exit of persons with alcoholic beverages at events where alcohol is served is not permitted.
9. Sponsors are expected to abide by any additional rules for the facility where the event occurs.

J38-108 Specific information pertaining to residence hall room, suite and recreation room parties is outlined in the residence hall section of this handbook, the residence hall handbook or the Inter-Fraternity Council alcohol policy.

J39-100 Theft
J39-101 No student shall steal, attempt to steal or assist in the theft of any money, property or item of value not belonging to him or her.
J39-102 No student shall illegally use or appropriate any property not belonging to him or her.

J40-100 Trespass
J40-101 Any individual refusing to leave an area as directed by an authorized faculty or staff member is responsible of trespass.
J40-102 Any unauthorized individual entering or attempting to enter a university-operated building or room which has been closed, locked and/or posted shall be responsible of trespass.

J41-100 Unauthorized Entry
J41-101 No student shall enter or remain in a private room, office or restricted area under control of another student, faculty member or university official except by permission or invitation of the resident student or the appropriate university official or faculty member.

J42-100 Unauthorized Use of University Property or Documents
No student shall use, possess, alter or sell any parking decal, JMU Access Card, dining hall number, keys or official university documents issued by the university to another individual. Specifically, this prohibits the following infractions:

J42-101 Use, possession or sale of a parking decal which was not specifically issued to and paid for by the student holding the decal.
J42-102 Use, possession or sale of a JMU Access Card to obtain entry or services to which the individual is not entitled.
J42-103 Use, possession or sale of any university keys not specifically issued to the student.
J42-104 Use of official university documents or identifying information by a student not authorized to do so.

J43-100 Violence to Persons
J43-101 No student shall engage or attempt to engage in any form of violence directed toward another person or group of people.
J43-102 Responding to violence with violence is a violation of this policy.

J44-100 Weapons
J44-101 No student shall keep, use, possess, display or carry any rifle, shotgun, handgun, knife, other edged weapons, or other lethal or dangerous instruments capable of maiming and/or casting a projectile by air, gas, explosion or mechanical means on any property or in any building owned or operated by the university or in any vehicle on campus.
J44-102 Realistic facsimiles of weapons are also specifically not allowed.
J44-103 Rifles, shotguns and bows which are to be used for hunting may be registered and stored one week before and during the appropriate hunting season at the university police station.
J44-104 Weapons used for hunting must be checked and removed from campus at the end of the appropriate hunting season.
JMU reserves the right to develop and implement new policies or regulations not presently included in this document. It is the responsibility of the university to make a reasonable attempt to inform the student body of any change in or addition to the current policies and regulations.

IV. THE UNIVERSITY JUDICIAL SYSTEM

James Madison University has both a right and an obligation to set reasonable standards of conduct for students who voluntarily and willingly choose to become members of the university community. In conjunction with its right to determine reasonable standards, the university also assumes a right and accepts the responsibility to establish a system of judicial and disciplinary procedures for use when university policies are violated. In turn, the university recognizes the need to ensure that students have the right to fair and equitable procedures in the event they are charged with a violation of university policies.

The authority which JMU exercises in charging and disciplining students for violations of its regulations differs from the power exercised by civil authorities in prosecuting cases at general law. Whereas criminal courts most often seek to punish or deter unlawful behavior, it is generally accepted that judicial proceedings at educational institutions are intended to impress upon individuals their responsibilities or, in the most severe cases, to remove by expulsion those who should not remain in the academic community. The federal courts have called discipline a part of the teaching process.

In adopting the university judicial system - a system which depends largely on the participation of students, faculty and staff - James Madison University recognizes that errors in procedures and rulings may occur. Therefore, when appeals of judicial decisions are made on a basis of technical, procedural or interpretive errors, they will be acted upon within the bounds of two principles: first, that the disciplinary format adopted by the university is administrative and not judicial in spirit and that considerable latitude must be permitted in order to avoid excessive legalisms; and second, that only errors that may reasonably have prejudiced in a significant way the interests of an accused student are to be grounds for reversal. In short, it is not intended that technicalities should avert a decision which is substantially valid. Additionally, the right of appeal will extend to accused students only, not to their accusers. Special circumstances may warrant a change in procedures in order to uphold the intent of the judicial system.

Student Rights

An accused student has the following rights

1. The right to a fair and impartial hearing.
2. The right to a presumption of not being responsible for a violation until proven responsible.
3. The right to be notified of the charges against him or her, the specific rule or policy violated and the time, date and place of the scheduled judicial hearing at least 72 hours prior to the hearing (except when the accused student postpones the hearing), provided the student has informed the university of his or her current address. If the student has not furnished the university with a current address, JMU has only to make a reasonable attempt to notify him or her at the last address provided.
4. The right to an adviser of his or her choice, provided that person is willing to assist and advise the student during the investigation. The adviser must be selected from the university community. A student may have an attorney present if the Office of Judicial Affairs is notified within 48 hours of the hearing. An attorney attending a hearing may not actively represent the accused student but may give advice to the student regarding how to present his or her defense.
5. The right to question all witnesses who testify at the hearing.
6. The right to present witnesses to testify in his or her defense. The judicial body shall have the authority to limit the number of witnesses in order to avoid unreasonable delays where the testimony would be repetitious or unnecessary.
7. The right to be present during the entire hearing (except for closed judicial deliberation) and to know all evidence used in the proceeding. The student may, however, elect not to appear and failure to appear shall not be construed as an admission of responsibility.
8. The right to remain silent and such silence shall not be construed as an admission of responsibility.
9. The right to be notified in writing of the decision of the judicial body or hearing officer within 10 days of the date of the hearing.
10. The right to appeal to a higher judicial body or university administrative official within three class days of receiving the judicial decision for any of the following causes:
   • Violation of due process and student rights
   • New evidence
   • Harshness of sanction(s)
11. The right to have access to a recording of his or her hearing for the purposes of preparing an appeal.

An accusing student of an alleged violent act has the following rights

1. The right to choose to have a support person and/or attorney present to advise and provide support. (The support person must be selected from the university community)
2. The right to be informed of the results of the judicial proceeding when the charge is sexual assault or violence to persons.
3. The right to be present during the entire proceedings (except for closed judicial deliberation).
4. The right not to have his or her past history discussed during the hearing except as it relates to the specific incident in question.
5. The right to relate his or her account of the incident and to make a “victim impact statement.”
6. The right to request a change of residence or class.
7. The right to request a mediated resolution. A mediated resolution may be referred to the James Madison University Center for Mediation or the Community Mediation Center. Mediation will attempt to reach a solution acceptable to both parties involved as to sanctions.
8. The right to reject the decision of the Office of Judicial Affairs when the charge is sexual assault.

University Judicial Structure

Office of Judicial Affairs

The office is responsible for the administration of the University Judicial System.

Student Judicial Coordinator

1. The student judicial coordinator shall be selected no later than the first week of April by the outgoing executive council of the Student Government Association and the Office of Judicial Affairs.
2. Duties of the student judicial coordinator shall be as follows:
   • To handle administrative hearing responsibilities of judicial violations.
   • To assist in selection and training of the student members of the Judicial Council.
   • To serve as an active member of the Office of Judicial Affairs.

University Judicial Council

1. The role of the University Judicial Council is to act as the original hearing body for cases in which a student is charged with a violation of a policy classified as “major” under the university's judicial procedures. The council also acts as the original hearing body for “flexible” violations when so designated by the Office of Judicial Affairs.
2. The council shall have a total of 40 members. Of the members, 20 shall be faculty and staff members, none of whom shall hold an administrative position higher than head of a department. The other 20 members shall be students who are selected by
the Office of Judicial Affairs from the student body, exclusive of student government officers. The Office of Judicial Affairs may appoint additional members as needed.

3. Appointment to the council shall be on an annual basis. Reappointment shall be made with consideration to the need for continuity while maintaining a system of orderly rotation.

4. The Office of Judicial Affairs is responsible for the training of Minor Violations Board.

5. For each hearing a board will be composed of three student members and three faculty or staff members of the judicial council. Each board will be chaired by a nonvoting faculty or staff member of the judicial council.

6. Each appeal will be heard by a board composed of two students and two faculty or staff members of the judicial council. One of the faculty or staff members will also serve as the chair.

**Minor Violations Board**

1. The role of the Minor Violations Board is to act as the original hearing body for cases in which a student is charged with a violation of a university policy classified as "minor" under the university's judicial procedures. The board shall also act as the original hearing body for "flexible" violations when so designated by the Office of Judicial Affairs.

2. For each hearing a board will be composed of three student members of the judicial council. Each committee will be chaired by a nonvoting faculty or staff member of the judicial council.

3. Each appeal will be heard by a board composed of two students and one faculty or staff member of the judicial council. The faculty or staff member will also serve as the chair.

**University Hearing Officer**

1. The university hearing officer shall be a full-time faculty or staff member appointed by the Office of Judicial Affairs for appropriate cases.

2. The university hearing officer shall be empowered to hear cases involving major or minor violations under any of the following circumstances:
   - Hearings occurring during the last two weeks of any regular semester or summer school session.
   - In emergency situations involving interim suspension

3. Judicial decisions made by the university hearing officer may be appealed to the vice president for student affairs.

**Judicial Jurisdiction**

Jurisdiction for all judicial cases shall be assigned by the Office of Judicial Affairs.

**Major Violations**

The following policies are usually considered major violations:

1. Campus election rules
2. Failure to comply with a disciplinary decision
3. Interference with the judicial process
4. Right of expression
5. Sexual assault
6. Theft
7. Violence to persons
8. Weapons

Additionally, cases may be considered major violations when they involve any of the following circumstances:

1. Repeated violations of any policy
2. Cases involving prosecution in criminal courts which affect the university's pursuit of its educational mission
3. Cases involving multiple violations of policies in one incident

**Minor Violations**

The following policies are usually considered to be minor violations:

1. Bicycles
2. Camping or shelter construction
3. Littering
4. Newman Lake policy
5. Pets
6. Responsibility for guests
7. Smoking
8. Sound amplification equipment

**Flexible Violations**

Flexible violations are those which may be considered to be either major or minor depending on the circumstances involved in each case.

1. Alcohol (Substance abuse)
2. Computer misuse
3. Dangerous practices (including use or possession of fireworks)
4. Destruction of property
5. Disorderly conduct
6. Drugs (Substance abuse)
7. False alarms and fire drills
8. Falsification of official information
9. Fire suppression/detection equipment
10. Harassment
11. Gambling
12. Hazing
13. Noncompliance with an official request
14. Obscene conduct
15. Personal abuse
16. Projectiles
17. Soliciting, selling, surveying or publicizing
18. Trespass
19. Unauthorized entry
20. Unauthorized use of university property or documents

**Judicial Procedures**

**Charges**

1. Any member of the university community believing that a student has violated a university policy or regulation may bring a charge - giving relevant details of the alleged violation - to the Office of Judicial Affairs.

2. The Office of Judicial Affairs will determine:
   - The validity of the charge
   - Whether there are grounds for a formal charge and the initiation of judicial proceedings
   - Whether the charge should be referred for mediation or to other university officials or administrative committees

3. If the investigation produces sufficient cause to believe that a violation has taken place, the student will be contacted by mail, informed of the charge and asked to make an appointment with the Office of Judicial Affairs. The student may bring his or her adviser to this meeting if so desired. At this meeting, the judicial office will explain the charges against the student and inform the student of his or her rights and judicial procedures (see Administrative Option). If a student fails to make an appointment with the judicial office within three days after being properly notified, an additional charge of noncompliance with an official request may be added.

4. Proper notification shall consist of written notice mailed to the student's last address on file with the university or placed in the student's assigned mailbox. The notice will be considered received one day following the date the notice is posted at a U.S. Postal Service facility or placed in the student's mailbox. This shall apply to notification of administrative option hearings, judicial council hearings and judicial decisions.

**Administrative Option**

Any student charged with a violation will first have the violation handled administratively by the Office of Judicial Affairs in accordance with the following regulations:

1. The student must be informed in writing of the charge against him or her.

2. After hearing all relevant facts, the staff member or student judicial coordinator informs the student orally of the sanction which will be assigned; if found responsible.

3. The accused student may accept the sanction and sign a statement indicating acceptance or may reject the sanction and request a hearing before the appropriate judicial body or staff member. Under no circumstances may the judicial body be informed of the accused student's original plea or the sanction which would have been assigned.
Jurisdiction (Judicial Council or University Hearing Officer)

1. All hearings are closed and all judicial information and decisions shall remain confidential.
2. The accused student shall receive all rights guaranteed him or her.
3. A judicial hearing will generally proceed in the following manner:
   • Introduction of the committee (or university hearing officer as applicable)
   • Participants state any questions they have concerning rights or procedures
   • The statement of the charges is presented
   • Evidence is presented against the accused student; each witness is called individually
   • Evidence is presented in favor of the accused student; each witness is called individually
   • The committee members may question the witnesses as they are called
   • The accused student may present concluding remarks
   • All persons are excused from the hearing room except committee members
   • The committee considers only information introduced in the hearing and deliberates in executive session until a decision is made as to responsibility. The decision is based on the preponderance of the evidence and is decided by a simple majority vote. In case of a tie vote, the ruling is to withdraw charges or lower the sanction in favor of the accused. Previous violations are to be considered in the assigning of appropriate sanctions.
   • The decision is announced in the presence of the student charged and the adviser
   • The student is informed of the right of appeal and the appropriate procedure for initiating an appeal.
4. If any member of the committee feels that he or she has such previous contact with the case or the students involved that a fair judgment cannot be rendered, the member must request that he or she not serve for that hearing. The accused student may request that any member of the committee be excused whenever the student can show a bias on the part of the member. The chair of the committee will decide on such challenges and, if appropriate, ask the member to excuse himself or herself. If the chair is challenged, the committee will decide by a majority vote whether or not he or she should be requested to excuse himself or herself.
5. The chair of the committee shall have the right to limit the length of testimony of any witness or participant in the hearing if it appears to be repetitious or does not contribute positively to the fair and efficient adjudication of the case currently being considered.
6. If an accused student fails to appear at a hearing after being properly notified, the judicial body shall hear the case on the basis of the evidence accumulated as a result of the testimony of witnesses and notify the accused student of the decision.
7. An accused student may request one postponement of a judicial hearing by contacting the Office of Judicial Affairs at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing. Postponement will only be allowed when an accused student has an exam conflict or an emergency at home or is too ill to attend the judicial hearing.
8. Witnesses may not also serve as an adviser/support person.

Appeals from Cases of Original Jurisdiction

1. Any student found responsible for a violation by a judicial body or hearing officer shall have the right to appeal within three class days of receiving notice of the decision by filing a written petition for appeal with the Office of Judicial Affairs.
2. If the appeal is held within the last two weeks of a semester or during the summer sessions, it may be heard by a hearing officer. If the appeal is denied, the student will be notified in writing.
3. An appeal hearing will be concerned only with the points raised in the written appeal form.
4. Appeal bodies and hearing officers with appellate jurisdiction may take any of the following actions:
   • Affirm the findings and sanction of the original hearing body or the university hearing officer
   • Reduce the sanction
   • Miss the charges against the student
5. A student found responsible for a violation may not be given a more severe sanction as the result of his or her decision to appeal.
6. After examining records and hearing pertinent statements, the appeal body will meet in executive session to consider its decision. If the appeal has included new evidence or contention of error, the appeal body will vote first on responsibility and then on the sanction. If only the sanction is in question, the appeal body will vote to affirm or decrease the original sanction.

Judicial Procedures for Violations Occurring During the Last Two Weeks of a Semester or During the Summer Sessions

When a student has a hearing scheduled during the last two weeks of any semester or during the summer sessions and the case cannot be scheduled before a judicial board, the student may choose, providing he or she is not a graduating senior, one of the following options:
1. The case may be heard immediately by the university hearing officer, provided witnesses are available. (This is the only option available to graduating seniors.)
2. The case may be heard when the next semester begins, provided witnesses are available. (Not applicable to graduating seniors.)
   - If the student wishes to have his or her case heard when witnesses are not available, he or she may waive in writing the right to cross-examine the witnesses and the written statements of all witnesses will then be accepted as evidence and testimony by the judicial council or hearing officer. The accused student may, however, challenge the testimony given in these statements by presenting witnesses in his or her own behalf.

Emergency Procedures

If the Office of Judicial Affairs determines that the presence of an accused student presents a clear and present danger to the orderly operation of the university or to the safety and welfare of members of the university community, the Office of Judicial Affairs may immediately suspend that student.

- The suspended student may, within 48 hours of being notified of such suspension, request an informal hearing before the university hearing officer to determine if the interim suspension should continue.
- A formal judicial hearing shall take place within 10 class days of the date of the interim suspension to fully adjudicate the case.

Parental Notification

The Parental Notification Plan will be used to inform parents about behavior associated with alcohol and drug abuse in order to provide support for the individual student and to facilitate appropriate intervention for that student.

On-Campus Violations

On-Campus violations will be administered through the Office of Judicial Affairs.

- Parents will be notified under the following conditions:
  a. regarding medical conditions at the point the incident occurs
  b. any major offense – after found "responsible" through the Office of Judicial Affairs
  c. any second offense – after found "responsible" through the Office of Judicial Affairs

NOTE:
Minor offenses: Open Container Violation; Illegal Possession of Alcoholic Beverage, Drinking in Public; Public Intoxication (DIP); Possession of Drugs.
Major offenses: Driving Under the Influence (DUI); Illegal Keg Distribution of Drugs; Under the Influence of Drugs.
Off-Campus Violations

Off-Campus violations will be administered through the Commonwealth of Virginia criminal system.

Parents will be notified under the following conditions:

a. any major offense for which the student has been arrested and charged
b. any second offense

NOTE:
Minor offenses: Open Container Violation; Illegal Possession of Alcoholic Beverage, Drinking in Public; Public Intoxication (DIP) and Possession of Drugs.
Major offenses: Driving Under the Influence (DUI); Keg Registration Violation; Distribution of Drugs; Under the Influence of Drugs.

Sanctions

Any student found responsible for violating any of the regulations or policies of James Madison University may be subject to one or more of the following sanctions.

Fines

Fines shall be no less than $15 and no greater than $100, depending on the severity of the infractions. All payments are to be made to the university cashier in Warren Hall, Room 302, within two weeks of notification of a judicial decision. Failure to pay the fine will result in further judicial action and the imposition of more severe sanctions.

Disciplinary Probation

The university reserves the right to impose a more severe sanction if the student is found responsible for violating another university policy. Probation shall be for a specified period of time and may include the loss of privileges or eligibility to participate in extracurricular university activities. The minimal probationary period is one semester.

Educational Programs

Educational programs may be assigned to students as an opportunity for personal development. Failure to attend the assigned programs will result in further judicial action and the imposition of more severe sanctions.

Restitution

Reimbursement by the student to the university or a member of the university community shall cover the cost of damage or loss of community or personal property.

Suspension from University Housing

The student loses the privilege of living in or visiting anyone in university housing for a specified length of time. Afterward, the student is allowed to reapply for university housing and will be admitted, provided there is space available.

Expulsion from University Housing

The student permanently loses the privilege of living in or visiting anyone in university housing.

Suspension

Suspension means that a student is dismissed from James Madison University for a specified length of time, after which he or she is allowed to return to the university. A suspended student may not visit the campus without the permission of the Office of Judicial Affairs. The final decision to suspend or expel is the responsibility of the president of the university.

Expulsion

The student loses the privilege of attending James Madison University as a student and is permanently separated from the university. A student who is expelled may not visit the campus without the permission of the Office of Judicial Affairs. The final decision to suspend or expel is the responsibility of the president of the university.

Special Assignments

In certain cases, special assignments including, but not limited to, service learning may be imposed.

Range of Sanctions Assigned to Each Judicial Body and Hearing Officer

1. The Office of Judicial Affairs, the University Judicial Council or the university hearing officer may assign any sanction or sanctions listed above.

Parents will be notified under the following conditions:

1. Alcohol violations (substance abuse) on campus - disciplinary probation, fine and/or educational program. If found guilty of state, city or county related laws or ordinances off campus while currently enrolled as a James Madison University student, the student will be subject to JMU sanctions which could include penalties ranging from fines to suspension from the university.

2. Unauthorized possession of weapons - a fee to refill the extinguisher, disciplinary probation and suspension from university housing.

3. Disorderly conduct - disciplinary probation and educational program.

4. Drug violations (substance abuse) on campus - disciplinary probation and educational program. If found guilty of state, city or county related laws or ordinances off campus while currently enrolled as a James Madison University student, the student will be subject to JMU sanctions which could include penalties ranging from fines to suspension from the university.

5. Failure to comply with a disciplinary decision - $50 fine and disciplinary probation.

6. False alarm violations - a fine of $50, educational and disciplinary probation.

7. Fire drill violations - $50 fine, educational program and disciplinary probation.

8. Fire extinguisher violations - a fee to refill the extinguisher, disciplinary probation and educational program.

9. Noncompliance with an official request - one-semester disciplinary probation and educational program.

10. Personal abuse - one-semester disciplinary probation and educational program.

11. Sexual assault - Students found to be responsible for rape or forcible sodomy may receive a sanction of disciplinary probation and suspension from the university for one year.

12. Theft (items valued equal to or greater than $25) - disciplinary probation and one-semester suspension.

13. Violence to persons - disciplinary probation and one-semester suspension.

Students found responsible for three substance abuse violations will be suspended from the University. Other offenses resulting in suspension or expulsion may include, but are not limited to, serious acts of vandalism, possession of weapons, failure to comply with a disciplinary decision or distribution of drugs.

Changes and Amendments

All policies and procedures defined in these sections are subject to change by the president or Judicial Control Board at any time. Students shall be informed in writing of any changes in this document. The membership of the Judicial Control Board consists of the vice president for student affairs (chair), one faculty member and two students (the Student Government Association president and one other student). The student judicial coordinator and the director of the Office of Judicial Affairs serve as ex officio members. All members of the Judicial Control Board are appointed by the vice president for student affairs and have voting privileges.
Honor Council Office

Introduction

In a university community, there can be no doubt that honor and the pursuit of knowledge are inexorably intertwined. True knowledge can be gained only through honorable means. Moreover, honor is essential to the proper development of our civilization itself. As Henrik Ibsen noted: "The spirit of truth and the spirit of freedom - they are the pillars of society."

Concomitant with freedom, however, is the necessity for truth and honor. An honor system must be believed in, supported by and administered by those who belong to it. Upon enrollment at James Madison University, each student is automatically subject to the provisions of the Honor System. Each student has a duty to become familiar with the Honor Code and the provisions of the Honor System. Ignorance of what constitutes an Honor Code violation cannot be used as a defense in an honor hearing.

The Honor System at JMU does not discriminate based upon race, color, religion, national origin, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability.

The Honor Code

Students shall observe complete honesty in all academic matters. Violations of the Honor Code include, but are not limited to, taking or attempting to take any of the following actions:

1. Using unauthorized materials or receiving unauthorized assistance during an examination or in connection with any work done for academic credit. Unauthorized materials may include, but are not limited to, notes, textbooks, previous examinations, exhibits, experiments, papers or other supplementary items.
2. Giving false or misleading information regarding an academic matter.
3. Copying information from another student during an examination.
4. Rendering unauthorized assistance to another student by knowingly permitting him or her to see or copy all or a portion of an examination or any work to be submitted for academic credit.
5. Obtaining prior knowledge of examination materials (including files maintained by various groups and organizations) in an unauthorized manner.
6. Selling or giving to another student unauthorized copies of any portion of an examination.
7. Using a commercially prepared paper or research project or submitting for academic credit any work completed by someone else.
8. Falsifying or attempting to falsify class attendance records for oneself, or for someone else, or having another falsify attendance records on your behalf.
9. Falsifying material relating to course registration or grades, either for oneself or for someone else.
10. Falsifying reasons why a student did not attend a required class or take a scheduled examination.
11. Taking an examination in the place of another student.
12. Making unauthorized changes in any reported grade or on an official academic report form.
13. Falsifying scientific or other data submitted for academic credit.
14. Collaborating in an unauthorized manner with one or more other students on an examination or any work submitted for academic credit.
15. Committing the act of plagiarism - the deliberate copying, writing or presenting as one's own the information, ideas or phrasing of another person without proper acknowledgement of the true source.
16. Using computing facilities or library resources in an academically dishonest manner.
17. Falsifying evidence, or intimidating or influencing someone in connection with an honor violation investigation, hearing or appeal.

All students are strongly urged to ask their instructors to clarify what types of conduct are authorized or unauthorized in each course.

The JMU Honor System maintains a comprehensive Internet home page at http://www.jmu.edu/honor which provides comprehensive information on Honor System policies and procedures. Honor Council offices are located at 113 Wilson Hall. The phone number for the Honor Council is 568-6383.

VI. STUDENT AFFAIRS

The mission of the Division of Student Affairs is to advance the educational purpose and institutional values of James Madison University. All offices strive to advance the integration of the curricular and cocurricular areas of student life and to enhance students' affective and cognitive development.

The division is dedicated to providing quality support services that anticipate and respond to the changing needs of students. Student affairs seeks to foster a healthy, safe and intellectually challenging environment that encourages student involvement and promotes diversity and cultural richness.

Through its commitment to the efficient management of human, technological, capital and fiscal resources, the division endeavors to practice comprehensive planning, broad-based decision making, and ongoing assessment and evaluation. The division promotes the personal and professional development of its staff and supports collaborative efforts with faculty, staff, students and residents of the community. Each member of the Division of Student Affairs is an educator in the development of the student as a whole person, permitting students the freedom to explore alternatives and to make decisions within defined boundaries of behavior.

Ombudsperson

The ombudsperson is an independent, impartial resource designated by the university to assist members of the campus community to resolve issues of concern or dissatisfaction regarding their rights; to understand and follow the policies and procedures of the university; and to function effectively within the university. The ombudsperson assists the university in monitoring, evaluating and formulating policies and procedures regarding the rights and responsibilities of the individual and the institution.

Center for Multicultural Student Services

The Center for Multicultural Student Services supports the university's commitment to diversity by encouraging an atmosphere conducive to the success of multicultural students. CMSS helps to assess the cultural needs of multicultural students and coordinates programs and services designed to meet those needs. CMSS also plays an integral role in the leadership development of multicultural students. CMSS staff members advise multicultural organizations on leadership development, planning programs and providing services to highlight their contributions as a means of heightening awareness for the entire JMU community. Students may visit CMSS in Warren Hall, Room 245, for information on additional programs and services.

Counseling and Student Development Center

The Counseling and Student Development Center provides mental health services, educational and study skills assistance, and human relations services to the campus community. Through individual therapy, group counseling and psycho-educational programming, the center aids students in resolving personal conflicts, dealing with emotional distress and crisis situations, enriching
interpersonal relationships, and enhancing their educational development.

Counseling and Psychotherapy
The center assists students in addressing personal, emotional, social and educational or study-related concerns and interests. Counseling can be used to help resolve a concern or it can help develop new skills and proficiencies. Concerns addressed in counseling typically include: 1) college adjustment issues, e.g., homesickness, roommate conflicts, motivation and procrastination; 2) personal development issues, e.g., self-image and identity issues, problems in relationships, problems with family; emotional distress or personal dissatisfaction, lack of personal direction or sense of confidence; and/or 3) psychological and lifestyle issues, e.g., substance abuse, sexual abuse trauma, eating and weight concerns, sexual dysfunction, depression, and suicidal behavior. New skills frequently addressed in counseling include developing more satisfying relationships, improving self-esteem, acquiring stress management techniques and improving study strategies.

Consultation and Programming
In addition to counseling and therapy, the center provides consultative services to students, faculty, staff, administrators and parents. An individual or student group can consult with a counselor to obtain assistance in assessing a problem and determining the best way to address it. Consultations can address how to help someone who may be having difficulties, how to make a referral to the center or other mental health resource or how to obtain further information about psychological and mental health services. The CSDC also acts as a consultant for university officials and students in evaluating students whose behaviors may place their health or well-being in jeopardy as addressed in the university's public health policy.

The center offers a variety of programs and workshops that are available to individual students, student groups and classes. Program topics include communication skills, basic study skills, eating and weight concerns, relationships, depression, various psychological disorders, self-esteem and personal effectiveness, sexual assault, stress management, substance abuse, motivation, and time management. Programs addressing additional topics can be provided on request.

Educational Skills Development Program
The Educational Skills Development Program provides an opportunity for students to examine the study habits and attitudes that may be influencing their academic progress at the university. Students may want to improve such skills as organizing time, listening and taking lecture notes, reading to remember, test preparation, and test taking. To do so, the student may be seen on an individual basis or participate in one or more study skills groups. Students should contact the Counseling and Student Development Center (568-6552) for more information.

Peer Mentor Program
In addition to the personal and academic services available to all students, the Counseling and Student Development Center coordinates the Peer Mentor Program. Peer mentors are sophomore, junior and senior multicultural students who serve as a support network to multicultural first year students seeking academic excellence and satisfaction. Mentors are trained to help with academic, personal and social concerns. Students should contact the Counseling and Student Development Center (568-6552) for additional information.

Tutoring Program
The tutoring program offers the student an opportunity to examine any difficulty he or she is having with a particular course. Students can receive tutoring from a qualified student who is knowledgeable in the subject matter. To help determine if tutoring is appropriate, students are encouraged to talk with their professors before signing up for tutoring. If the professor recommends tutoring, students should come by the center to sign up and obtain additional information.

Self-Help Library
The self-help library and the center's certificate programs offer students the opportunity to enhance personal awareness, develop a behavioral change program, increase study skills or gather basic reference material.

The literature contained in the self-help library offers fresh approaches to areas of personal concern and can help to broaden perspectives on subjects of widespread interest, including such areas as eating disorders, substance abuse, relationships, depression and sexuality. A selection of pamphlets, books and films are available for students' use. The pamphlets and study skills handouts are free and can be taken and read in the privacy of the student's home or residence hall.

Human Relations Program
The CSDC sponsors a variety of programs and services which seek to develop students' awareness, understanding and appreciation of the various types of relationships in which they are involved during their college experience. Services and programs address such topics as the influence of family on individual personal development and behavior; intimacy and responsibility in romantic relationships; lifestyle differences, including sexual orientation, cultural and ethnic background, and gender differences; international and nontraditional student issues; and mentoring relationships with faculty and fellow students.

Appointments
Services are available to all full-time students, and on a limited basis to part-time students. Whether for counseling or consultation, the first step is to make an appointment to meet with an intake counselor. Students can arrange an appointment in person at the center or by telephone. The student and counselor will meet briefly to discuss the student's concerns or requests. Based on this discussion, the counselor and student will decide what actions to take.

In the case of a crisis or emergency situation, a student can speak with a counselor upon request during regular office hours. If an emergency arises outside of regular office hours, a student should seek assistance through the campus police and Office of Public Safety, 568-6911. This office can put a student in touch with a counselor for assistance, consultation and referral.

The center is staffed by psychologists and counselors. All contacts with the center are treated on a confidential basis unless other arrangements are made.

Financial Aid and Scholarships
The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships endeavors to assist students in financing their higher education. Financial assistance is provided in the form of scholarships, grants and loans administered by the university. Students must be degree seeking and making satisfactory academic progress to be considered for financial assistance.

The philosophy underlying all programs of assistance is that parents and the student have an obligation to finance the education of the student according to their means. Each application is carefully considered and analyzed to determine relative financial security and the ability to pay for education. Complete confidentiality is provided to persons supplying financial information.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is the liaison between the students and the organizations providing funds. The staff attempts to guide the student with regard to funding alternatives, financial planning and regulations affecting the financing of their education.

A detailed description of the financial aid programs and general related requirements are in the undergraduate catalog and on the financial aid home page: https://www.jmu.edu/finaid/. Students should review the information thoroughly so that they can understand the application procedures and be aware of all deadlines. Some key policies and responsibilities are described below.
Additional Assistance

A recipient of financial aid at JMU should notify the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships in writing of any other form of outside financial assistance received during the period for which aid is granted. This applies to awards granted either prior to enrollment or at a later date. Such awards may include scholarships, loans, assistantships or fellowships which are not awarded by or in cooperation with the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships has established minimum standards governing satisfactory academic progress that a student must meet to be considered for financial aid. This policy was established in compliance with a federal mandate for all institutions utilizing Title IV funds. The policy defines components by which students’ academic progress will be measured. These components include grade point average (GPA), hours earned and maximum time requirement. Students who fail to meet these requirements will be denied aid. If aid is denied and the student has extraordinary circumstances, a letter of appeal may be submitted. Appeal forms may be obtained at the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Copies of the satisfactory academic progress policy are available in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships or can be viewed at www.jmu.edu/finaid/SARhtm. Students receiving aid are also provided a copy of the policy in their initial award package.

Application Procedures for Financial Aid

Students interested in applying for financial assistance should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or the Renewal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit it to the federal processing agency by Feb. 15 for the coming year. The Department of Education mails Renewal FAFSAs in December to students who filed the form the prior year. For those who did not file the prior year, an original FAFSA can be obtained at the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

University Health Center

The University Health Center treats minor illness and short-term medical concerns for students at JMU. The staff of nurses and clinicians is committed to providing quality medical care oriented toward assisting students to learn about their personal health/wellness and to take responsibility for their lifestyle choices and decisions. Assessment and treatment are based on observation, student reporting of symptoms and the medical history/evaluation included on the health record form. Appointments are scheduled by the registered nurse for further treatment by the clinician. Supplemental medical care includes options paid directly by the recipients for services such as gynecological exams, birth control, allergy shots, and immunizations. Educational programs, seminars, individual contacts and information on health/wellness issues related to the college-age population are coordinated through the health/wellness coordinators and the Peer Educator program.

In addition, the sexual assault and substance abuse prevention office is located in the health center. This office provides services, resources, programs and information on issues associated with sexual assault, alcohol, gender and relationships, self-esteem, communication skills, prevention, and risk reduction.

The health center has facilities for observation and overnight care, when deemed necessary by the clinicians. For contagious or serious illnesses, students will be sent home for appropriate care. For treatment of chronic or long-term conditions, the student’s primary care physician should make a referral to a physician in the Harrisonburg community. The health center coordinates with the emergency department of Rockingham Memorial Hospital for the treatment of serious illnesses, accidents or emergencies.

The services of the health center are available to all students taking seven or more hours: residential, commuter and graduate. The services do not include the cost of prescriptions, lab work, X-rays, hospital care or the services of specialists not on the university staff. It is strongly recommended that students carry health and accident insurance. This coverage may be through a family policy or the group policy available to JMU students at an additional cost. Information concerning the group policy is available from the health center.

Each student attending JMU must have a completed health record on file. In addition, the Code of the Commonwealth of Virginia requires every student attending an institution of higher education to submit a record of the required immunizations. This is included on the health record form. This information is necessary before treatment can be provided by the health center. The health record form is available from the health center and should be submitted before beginning the first semester at the university.

University Recreation

University Recreation promotes and advances healthy lifestyles through participation opportunities, educational experiences, and supportive services. Our qualified staff is committed to excellence and attentive to the developmental needs of our participants. All recreational programs are administratively housed in the University Recreation Center located adjacent to the Convocation.
All you need is a valid JMU Access Card (JAC) to participate in our comprehensive and innovative programs!

**How to get involved?**

Getting involved is easy! Semester program schedules may be obtained from our Program Information Rack and you can sign for any activity you would like to participate in at the UREC Program Registration Desk (568-8734) - intramurals, group fitness activities, racquetball, orientations, certifications and more!

**Facility Includes:**

- **Strength/Fitness Area**
  - Cycling Studio
  - Climbing Wall
- **Cardio/Fitness Area**
  - Aerobic Studio
  - Equipment Center
- **Multi-Purpose Studio**
  - Pool with Jacuzzi/Sauna
- **8 Racquetball Courts**
  - Synthetic Turf Field
- **Multi-Activity Gymnasium**
  - Sand Volleyball Court
- **Main Gymnasium**
  - Patio/Picnic Area
- **Indoor Track**
  - Locker Rooms
- **2 Instructional Classrooms**
  - Administrative Offices

**Hours of Operation (During Full-Academic Session)**

- **Monday-Thursday**
  - 6:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
- **Friday**
  - 6:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- **Saturday**
  - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- **Sunday**
  - Noon - 11:30 p.m.

For additional information, please call 8700 or check out our website at http://www.jmu.edu/recreation.

**Office of Residence Life**

The Office of Residence Life seeks to serve a diversity of student needs by providing a comprehensive living and learning environment. To meet these goals, the university strives to provide a comfortable, clean and safety conscious living environment around an educational structure designed to complement the classroom experience. The office is concerned with developing communities within the residence halls that promote social consciousness and individual responsibility. Many activities promoting personal growth and development are offered in residence halls.

**Residence Hall Organization and Staff**

The Office of Residence Life operates 30 residence halls which house approximately 5,800 students. To facilitate communication and improve overall residence hall management, the campus is divided into separate administrative areas, each with a professional staff member who is responsible for the total operation and program of all halls within that area. In addition to several other duties, the area coordinators are responsible for selecting, training and supervising the residence hall staff; developing, implementing and interpreting residence hall policy; and facilitating the development of individual residence hall programming, hall councils, area activities and projects.

Within each residence hall, the hall director is responsible for the management of the building, supervision of the resident adviser staff, and development of hall programs and procedures that meet student needs. The resident advisers on each floor or section provide information, personal advising and programming to residents. Additionally, these staff members have been trained to deal with emergency situations, protect individual and institutional rights through the enforcement of university and residence hall policies, and assume the administrative responsibilities of a residence hall. The goal of the professional and student staff is to develop residential living environments that will promote close interpersonal relationships, individual growth and learning, and a strong sense of community responsibility and identity.

**Room Assignments and Lifestyles**

There are differences in age, experience and lifestyles among residence hall students; therefore, the university has developed a housing system that permits students to choose an environment in which they will feel most comfortable. There are two basic environments: freshman and upperclass. Upperclass students select their residence hall room for the upcoming academic year in April during spring sign up. New freshmen receive information on lifestyle preferences in May and are assigned to freshmen halls based on their stated preferences whenever possible.

During the academic year, students may request a room or hall change at any time by obtaining a room change request form from their hall director or resident adviser and returning it to that same staff member. Except in emergency situations, room changes will be processed in the order they are received, provided the desired space is available and all procedures for obtaining the room have been correctly completed. However, there is a three-week “freeze” at the beginning of each semester in regard to processing any room change requests.

After these conditions have been met, the student will be issued written authorization to complete the desired move. Room changes cannot be made without authorization. Students will be fined for each unauthorized room change and/or must return to their originally assigned room.

The Office of Residence Life reserves the right to make administrative room changes. Administrative room changes may be required for reasons including the consolidation of space, maintenance or mechanical malfunctioning of assigned space, personal safety or health-related issues, and failure to comply with the housing and dining services contract, university policies or community lifestyle standards.

**Housing Contracts**

It is important that all students living in university-operated housing during the academic year understand that their housing contract obligates both the student and the university for the full academic year. There are certain limited conditions under which a housing contract can be renegotiated, but these cases are exceptions. Any residence hall student who has questions about the contract or who is considering moving off campus during the academic year must seek approval from the director of residence life.

**Residence Hall Councils**

The hall council works closely with the residence hall staff, and it consists of the elected hall officers and floor/section representatives. Hall councils are actively involved in improving the quality of life within each residence hall through the implementation of social and educational programs which provide opportunities for personal growth, facilitate the development of relationships among hall residents, and promote hall spirit and unity. The presidents of each hall council form the Residence Hall Association, an organization that enables hall presidents to exchange program ideas, talk with the professional residence hall staff about administrative matters, and cooperate on campus-wide activities for the entire residence hall system.

**Residence Hall Policies**

The university respects the rights and privacy of residential students. A student's room is regarded as his or her private space, yet the student has a responsibility to his or her roommate and suite mates as well as other hall residents to maintain a clean, safe living environment which does not infringe on the rights and privileges of other residents.

The following policies and procedures have been developed to ensure the orderly operation of the residence halls, the protection of the educational environment and the health and safety of all residents.

Each residence hall student receives a copy of residence hall policies at check-in and is responsible for following the guidelines in that publication.

**Alcohol Policies**

The use and possession of alcohol in the residence halls is permitted in accordance with all applicable state laws and the alcohol policies of the university. Additional regulations are placed on the use and possession of alcohol in the residence halls in order to ensure the residents' rights to study, sleep and privacy within their rooms.

1. Loud or disruptive behavior or drinking habits that otherwise
interfere with the rights of others or lead to other violations of university policies are reasons for disciplinary action.

2. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed or carried in open containers in hallways, lounges, courtyards, kitchens or other public areas. Kegs, "party balls," and distillation processes as well as other large sources of alcohol such as, but not limited to, punches and grain alcohol are not permitted within or in the vicinity of the residence halls.

3. The use or possession of "beer bongs," funnels or other paraphernalia that can promote irresponsible consumption of alcohol is prohibited.

4. All private parties in rooms or suites must be registered with the hall director or resident adviser prior to the party, whether or not alcoholic beverages are available. The party sponsor assumes all responsibility for damages or violations of university policies by guests.

Check-in and Check-out Procedures

1. Students must check in at the hall office when moving into their hall and complete the room condition forms.

2. Students must turn in their room keys, sign their room condition forms, return front door keys and have the condition of their rooms approved as part of their checkout from all university-operated housing. This does not apply to students who are leaving their hall for vacation periods but does include those students who are leaving for their field placement experience or withdrawing from the university. It is the student's responsibility to find a residence hall staff member and make check-out arrangements or utilize the express check-out procedures if provided.

3. Students who move into or out of university housing without completing the proper procedures will be assessed a fine.

4. Students will be held responsible for the expenses incurred as a result of returning a room to its original condition.

Delivery of Packages

Deliveries made to the residence halls are to be accepted only by the addressee or by his or her designee. The university accepts no responsibility for the loss of such deliveries.

Hall Opening and Closing

Students will not be permitted to check into university housing prior to the announced opening time. All residence halls are closed during Thanksgiving vacation, spring vacation and semester break. No student may stay in a hall after it has been closed for a vacation period. At the conclusion of the academic year, residents will be required to properly check out of their residence hall within 24 hours after completion of their last exam. In all cases, residents who are not graduating seniors must check out by 5 p.m. Friday. Graduating seniors must check out by 3 p.m. Saturday, following commencement. Presence in a hall when it is officially closed is considered trespassing.

Key Duplication

Residence hall room and front door keys may not be duplicated. Students who lose keys should immediately contact a member of the residence hall staff to get a replacement. Students are responsible for costs associated with replacement.

Overnight Guests

A residence hall room adequately accommodates the persons to whom it is contracted and a few of their guests. Overcrowding rooms is a safety concern and an issue of community welfare. Therefore, the following have been established as guidelines:

1. Overnight guests of the same gender are permitted in residence halls provided reasonable space is available and the roommate(s) do not object. Students are to ask their roommate(s) and notify their resident adviser if they plan to have overnight guests.

2. Guests may stay overnight in student rooms only.

3. Hosts are responsible at all times for the activities and actions of their guests. Guests who violate any residence hall or university policy may be required to leave. Damages attributed to a guest may be charged to the host. Guests must be escorted by their resident host at all times.

4. Residents may not have overnight guests during final examinations.

5. Guests may not stay on campus overnight for more than two nights without special permission from the hall director.

Common Area Furniture

Furnishings must be confined to original lounges and study areas. For use by all residents common area furniture is not intended for private use in individual rooms. Furniture misappropriation may result in a $25 fine per day per piece of furniture after the 24 hour grace period.

Public Area Parties

Residence hall students have the opportunity to reserve and use a designated public recreation area in their hall for a private party or social activity. Please see your hall director to obtain specific procedures to reserve a public area for a party.

Public Area Requisition Procedures

The hall council must initiate any organized activity (other than registered recreation room parties) that makes use of public lounge or recreation space in a residence hall and for which there is any cost or fee charged for admission or participation. Active hall council sponsorship must involve all of the following guidelines:

1. The hall council (not solely the hall council president) must approve the requested activity by vote in a regular meeting with a quorum present.

2. Fees can only be collected by an authorized hall council member or residence hall staff member. Under no circumstances may any instructor or sponsor other than the hall council representatives collect money for admission or participation.

3. The hall council may vote to offer some financial remuneration to the sponsor or instructor of an activity but no such remuneration is required.

4. Students who want to sell or distribute items in residence halls should refer to the solicitation statement outlined in "Soliciting, Petitioning, Selling, Surveying, and Publicizing." Those who want to distribute materials in the residence halls should refer to ORL Guidebook.

Quiet Hours

Within the residence halls, time periods have been designated as Courtesy hours and quiet hours to promote an environment conducive to living and learning. The university is committed to providing students with housing in which they may grow and develop both personally and academically. The development of an atmosphere conducive to study is the mutual responsibility of all the residents. Therefore, the following guidelines have been established:

1. Students are required to be considerate of the needs of others at all times and to govern the noise level of their stereos and gatherings accordingly. Courtesy hours are in effect at all times.

2. Every residence hall will have quiet hours, and these hours will be posted throughout the hall.

3. The residents of each hall can vote to lengthen their quiet hours by a two-thirds majority vote of the hall council. This matter will be one of the first orders of business for the new hall councils at the beginning of a new academic year.

4. Prior to the adoption of quiet hours for a new academic year, quiet hours are 11 p.m. to 9 a.m. weekdays starting Sunday and 2 a.m. through 10 a.m. weekends. Quiet hours will begin on the first evening the residence halls are open.

JMU reserves the right to develop and implement new policies or regulations not presently included in this document. It is the responsibility of the university to make a reasonable attempt to inform the student body of any change in or addition to the current policies and regulations.
5. Quiet hours are in effect 24 hours a day beginning the evening of the last day of classes, until the end of final examinations. Hall staff in each area may use 9-10 p.m., short period of time each day when the quiet hours are not enforced, but courtesy hours will remain in effect at that time.
6. The minimum time required for quiet hours in every residence hall is from 11 p.m. to 9 a.m. weekdays starting Sunday, and 2 a.m. to 10 a.m. weekends.
7. Radios, stereos, musical instruments and sound amplification equipment may be used by residence hall students as long as the use of the equipment does not disturb other residents, faculty members or neighbors. The placement of speakers in room or suite windows is prohibited. Musical equipment may be confiscated if repeated disturbance occurs.
8. Courtesy hours are defined as times when priority is given to residents ability to either sleep or study without noise disruptions.

Roofs, Balconies, Windows and Screens
Students are not allowed on roofs, ledges or elevated balconies of residence halls. Students may not sit in or hang out of open windows. The deliberate removal of screens from any residence hall window or any damage to a screen is also prohibited.

Security
All residence halls are secured (locked) 24 hours/day every day. A student without a key may be admitted to the residence hall by contacting the university police.
1. No student may lend a front door or room key to anyone.
2. A student who enters or leaves the residence hall after closing hour is responsible for securing the door.
3. A student may not prop open or in any manner alter a door so that it will not close properly.
4. Students may not admit unauthorized or uninvited persons into the hall after it has been closed.
5. The university is not responsible for loss or damage to personal property of residents. Students are encouraged to carry personal property insurance.

Visitation
There are differences in age, experiences and values among residence hall students; therefore, the university has developed a differentiated housing system which provides students opportunities to choose a living environment in which they will feel most comfortable. In all halls, hours are provided for visitation by members of the opposite sex. The policies below are to be followed during all periods of visitation:
1. Visiting hours are from 9:00 a.m. through 1:30 a.m. on Sundays through Thursdays and 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.
2. Guests must be escorted by a resident of the hall in which they are visiting.
3. At times other than designated visiting hours, guests of the opposite sex are only permitted in designated 24-hour study lounges. Areas are designated for 24-hour study by hall councils. In those 24-hour study areas, all visitors must be escorted at all times.
4. Students are fully responsible for the actions of their guests and should not have more guests at any one time than they can supervise and control. Any party held in a student room or suite is the responsibility of the assigned residents and these individuals will be held accountable for any damage or violation of policies.
5. In the event of an individual violation, the guest will be asked to leave by the hall staff, and the host and the guest may be referred to the Office of Judicial Affairs. Nonresidents who refuse to leave the hall are guilty of trespass and are subject to arrest.
6. In cases of floor or section violation, the residence hall staff may terminate visitation for the floor or section involved. If necessary, the visitation may be terminated permanently or for a designated period of time.

STUDENT SUCCESS
Student Success is the name of JMU’s collaborative, campus-wide effort to coordinate programs and support services based on cohesive educational goals. Focusing on academic achievement, career development, planning, decision-making, and leadership development, Student Success programs are designed to help students assume responsibility for learning so they can complete seamless transitions into, through and out of the university. The Student Success learning Center (Wilson Hall) houses the Center for Academic Advising and Career Development, The Center for Leadership, Service, and Transitions, the Office of Disability Services, The Reading and Writing Lab, and the Supplemental Instruction Office. The Center offers a variety of innovative programs and services that help you develop leadership, citizenship and professional competencies essential for success at JMU and beyond. All students may participate in leadership workshops and activities such as Explore and KeySkills, as well as in community service events and projects such as Alternative Breaks and America Reads. There are many other programs that will interest you, as well as books, videos and training guides to help students and their organizations lead and serve effectively. Additionally, the Center provides first year students opportunities to be oriented to the university, make connections with peers and faculty, and become involved in exciting academic and out-of-class programs. All of the Center’s educational opportunities allow you to make real world connections with what you are learning in class, enhance your marketability to future employers, and help you develop positive attitudes associated with citizenship and social responsibility. Success means achieving your goals at JMU and preparing yourself to be effective in your workplace and community after you graduate. You will have many opportunities throughout your lifetime to make a difference in where you work and where you live... The Center for Leadership, Service and Transitions will teach you how to do that now.

Disability Services
James Madison University is an equal opportunity institution that admits students without regard to disabling conditions. JMU is committed to maintaining and enhancing an environment conducive to the highest level of individual empowerment by fostering a community that values innovation, human dignity, public service, and diversity.

The Office of Disability Services ensures that the university complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Section 504 guarantees the rights of all students with documented disabilities equal access to an education, which is limited only by personal ability and not by physical or psychological disability. The office provides support services and coordinates accommodations to meet the needs of students who have disabilities.

Services are available to all currently enrolled JMU students who have a documented disability. Individuals eligible for services include, but are not limited to, those with mobility, orthopedic, hearing, vision, or speech impairments, as well as those with learning disabilities.

In order to provide effective and reasonable accommodations, students will be asked to provide documentation of their disability.

For more information on how to secure accommodations for students with disabilities or for information about policies, procedures, and resources regarding services for students with disabilities, contact this office.
Academic Advising and Career Development

Academic Advising and Career Development coordinates academic advising for all freshmen, undecided students, and student athletes; assistance to students in choosing a major and deciding upon a career direction; and a variety of job search programs and services.

I. Academic Advising

The function of the advisor is one that is vital to the mission of the university. The advisor assists students in the achievement of their educational goals and in their development as individuals. JMU believes that education should be more than a series of courses. Effective advisement assists students in shaping their education to meet their specific intellectual, personal and career goals. Recognition of the individuality of students and of their need to seek advice beyond the process of course registration is a quality of advisement that is necessary to ensure student success in college and in life after college. Advisors do not decide the student's goals or program, but counsel on ways to develop appropriate goals, prevent academic problems and encourage maximum growth and development in the educational process.

They strive to help students understand themselves and familiarize them with university resources available, which may assist in meeting their educational needs, goals, and aspirations.

During summer orientation, all new students are assigned to a faculty or professional advisor who will discuss with them the university’s various programs of study, academic policies and procedures, advanced placement/exemption testing, and registration procedures. The students will plan their course of study with their academic advisor as an important initial step in the pre-registration process for fall semester.

Academic advising is an ongoing relationship between students and faculty members or professional advisors. During spring semester, freshmen that have declared a major are assigned to advisors in the department or school of their major. Students remaining undeclared are assigned to a professional advisor in the academic advising and career development center until they select a major and receive support in the process of declaring a major.

A professional athletic advisor advises freshmen student athletes until they have declared a major. Once a student athlete has declared a major, they are advised about their academic program by a faculty member in the department or school of their major and by an athletic advisor to insure compliance with National Collegiate Athletic Association guidelines for academic progress. Effective academic advising is based on the assumption that both parties must contribute to the advising process. If not, effective advising will not occur. Central to this assumption are two sets of responsibilities: one for the advisor and one for the student advisee.

Responsibilities

The Advisor
1. Assists students in defining and developing realistic goals.
2. Identifies special needs of individual students.
3. Refers students to available resources.
4. Assists students in planning a program consistent with their abilities and goals.
5. Follows students’ progress toward educational and career goals.

The Advisee
1. Clarifies personal needs, values, goals, abilities and interests.
2. Becomes knowledgeable about university policies, procedures, and academic requirements of the university. The responsibility of fulfilling all requirements for graduation lies with the student; therefore, familiarity with the requirements contained in the undergraduate catalog is essential.
3. Takes the initiative to ask for help from the advisor when needed.
4. Takes responsibility for making decisions.

II. Career Advising and Decision-Making

Academic Advising and Career Development assists students at various stages of the decision-making process for choosing a major and career. To participate in any of the programs listed here or to make an appointment with one of the staff, students should contact the office located on the third floor of Wilson Hall.

Career and Life Planning Course

The career and life planning course is for freshmen and sophomores who want to explore the relationship between academic majors and career fields, identify their major and career interests, and learn effective decision-making strategies for choosing a major and a career. The class is listed under BIS 200, sections D through J and is offered both fall and spring semesters.

Major and Career Decision Program

The major and career decisions program is a series of workshops designed to help students pick a major, decide on a career direction, assess career information, and resolve personal issues interfering with their ability to make career plans. Topics covered include career assessment, values, interests, abilities and career information.

JMU Majors Fair

Each spring semester, the office in conjunction with the academic departments, co-sponsors a majors fair. Faculty from each academic department is available to provide program information and answer student questions.

Academic and Career Resource Center

The resource center makes available to students pertinent resources for choosing a major, career planning, internship/summer jobs, employer directories, job search tools, and career trend information. Resources include books, printed materials, handouts, databases, career software, and web-based information via the resource center computer lab. Information is organized on a self-help basis so that students and faculty may browse at their leisure. Staff members are accessible to answer questions and help students utilize resource materials.

III. Employment and Job Search Services

On-Campus Recruitment

Each year business, industry, government, armed forces and educational systems send representatives to the JMU campus to conduct job interviews with graduating seniors. This service provides students with the opportunity to meet and talk with a number of employers and explore job opportunities. The on-campus interview program information and interview sign-ups are managed through the Resume Expert Website. To participate students must attend an Introduction to On-Campus Recruiting workshop and obtain a password from the on-campus recruiting coordinator in Sonner Hall. To help students prepare for these interviews, mock interview sessions with employer participants are held at the beginning of each semester.

Resume Development

A web-based resume development program is available which allows students to prepare their resumes on-line. Students must obtain a password from the on-campus recruiting coordinator in Sonner Hall. Resume writing workshops and resume critique sessions with a staff member are available throughout the year.

Career Fairs

The office sponsors a number of career fair events each year to provide students with the opportunity to interact with employers and obtain employment-related information. Past programs have included University Wide Career Day in September, Graduate Professional School Fair in October, Minority Career Day in October, and Teacher Recruitment Day in March-April.

Job Vacancies

A number of national job vacancy publications are available in the resource center, which provide information about job opportunities in a variety of career fields. Web-based job vacancy listings are also available.
University Center

Services
The University Center offers social, cultural, educational, recreational, developmental and experiential activities for the JMU community. Event planning and facilities management, entertainment promotion, organizational support and information services are among the many programs, services and resources coordinated by the University Center.

Events and Conferences
Events and Conferences provides a variety of services and facilities for student organizations, faculty, staff and off-campus groups. Facilities are available for meetings, workshops, receptions, dances, banquets, seminars and conferences. Student organizational sales space, information tables, display cases and university vehicles can also be requested. The Events and Conferences staff is available to advise groups in all aspects of program planning.

Student Organization Services

University Program Board
Campus entertainment is scheduled through the University Program Board, a student organization advised through the University Center. Concerts, films, speakers, trips and numerous other activities designed to complement the educational mission of JMU are arranged by the UPB. The board also solicits collaborative programs with other student organizations, and university departments and schools. Committees for which students may volunteer include film, club, musical events, global awareness and contemporary issues, ticket, technical services, publicity, public relations, financial management, and internal student development and communications.

Greek Life
The University Center works with the Greek organizations to foster cooperation and communication among Greeks, the university and the community. The staff advises the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council and also works with the individual chapters in promoting leadership, involvement and service. The University Center is committed to the development and growth of the Greek system by implementing programs and workshops to facilitate the many aspects of Greek life.

Clubs and Organizations
Clubs and Organizations, located in Taylor Hall, Room 209, provides services to the more than 260 recognized student organizations at JMU and provides information about recognized student organizations to the JMU community. Programs such as C.E.O., Workshop Series, fund raising workshops, and Officer Transition Workshops provide members, officers and advisers of student organizations with opportunities to develop themselves and improve their organizations. Student organizations offer students a leadership laboratory in which to apply their knowledge and skills.

Taylor Down Under Off-Campus Life
The Taylor Down Under Off-Campus Life is responsible for assessing the needs of off-campus students and coordinating services and programs designed to meet those needs. Students may receive assistance in locating off-campus housing or roommates through the center’s housing listing available in the office and on the Internet. Any student needing assistance with lease reviews, landlord-tenant difficulties, bus or parking problems or other concerns should contact Off-Campus Life. The Utility Deposit Assistance Program is available to all full-time students to assist with deposits required by participating utilities. The commuter student council is composed of off-campus students interested in developing and implementing assistance with the special needs of students who live off campus. Taylor Down Under Off-Campus Life is located in Taylor Hall, Room 102, and is part of Taylor Down Under, which in addition consists of a coffee bar, stage, lounge and the Corner Pocket Gameroom.

James Madison University Center Facilities
The facilities and services related to the University Center are designed to facilitate the exchange of ideas, the pursuit of leadership roles and responsibilities, and the enjoyment of varied program offerings as well as to support the needs of the university community.

Warren Hall
Named in honor of a former dean at JMU, Warren Hall was officially opened in 1971 to serve as a base from which many student activities originate. The original facility includes the JMU Bookstore, the post office, University Club dining facility, ticket office, Center for Multicultural Student Services, University Information, Student Success Services: Registration and Card Services, Financial Aid, Student Accounting and Cashiers, meeting rooms and lounges.

Taylor Hall
Completed in July of 1993, Taylor Hall is named after Dr. James Taylor, a former rector of the JMU Board of Visitors. This part of the campus center houses University Center Administration, Events and Conferences, Taylor Down Under, which includes the Corner Pocket Gameroom, Off-Campus Life and The Coffeehouse; Student Organization Services, which includes offices of Greek Life, Clubs and Organizations, and the University Program Board; and a variety of meeting rooms and lounges.

Phillips Hall
Located adjacent to Taylor and Warren halls, Phillips Hall is named in honor of a former vice president of business affairs, Col. Adolph Phillips. This facility includes PC Dukes on the ground level and a ballroom on the second floor.

Grafton-Stovall Theatre
The 630-seat theater was dedicated in 1979 and named for two former members of the JMU Board of Visitors. The theater is used for large meetings and entertainment such as films, lectures and theater productions.

James Madison University Policy 3104 – Use of Bulletin Boards and Posting Public Notices
The provisions of this policy govern the placing and removal of public notices on bulletin boards and display cases on the James Madison University campus. The primary purpose of the posting policy is to ensure the wise use of available space, balancing the need for effective and orderly promotion, maintenance of facilities, and avoidance of littering. No information will be posted that is inconsistent with the educational mission of the University.

Bulletin Boards

General Purpose Bulletin Boards
General-purpose bulletin boards are for use by student organizations, faculty groups and administrative units and are located in residence halls, the University Center, the breezeway of Wilson Hall and other convenient locations on campus. University members may use the general-purpose bulletin boards for posting announcements of upcoming events, services offered, organizational functions, and for publicizing items for sale. All items must be approved by University Information prior to posting.

Assigned Bulletin Boards
Selected bulletin boards are assigned for the exclusive use of academic departments, offices, or organizations. These bulletin boards are labeled and are the responsibility of the department or organization to which they are assigned.

Bulletin Board General Policy
Prior to posting materials on a general-purpose bulletin board, the materials must be stamped with a removal date to ensure the systematic removal of outdated material and to provide space for new material. Approval can be obtained at University Information sites in Warren Hall, Taylor Hall, or the College Center, seven days a week, during operational hours. Materials may be posted for up to two weeks.
It is university policy to provide adequate bulletin board space in convenient locations to inform members of the university community. Posting is limited to two flyers/posters on all general-purpose bulletin boards. No more than 100 posters per activity will be approved in order to provide adequate space for all notices. Posters may not exceed 17 x 22 inches.

It is not the intent of this policy to censor or otherwise control the content of notices or other materials to be posted on bulletin boards. However, it is recommended that such materials be in good taste. The Coordinator of University Information will review materials that may be questionable prior to posting.

"For Sale" notices and personal announcements to be posted on the general purpose bulletin boards must be no larger than 8 1/2 x 11 inches to maintain uniformity and to provide space for the maximum number of notices. A contact person and phone number or e-mail address must be printed on every poster. There is a two-week time limit on posting of personal notices.

Facilities Management: Persons responsible for conferences, conventions, workshops or other activities sponsored by the university may request signs for identification or direction. These requests are to be submitted by work order or through the facilities management work control center fifteen days prior to the event.

Using duct tape, staples, pins, nails, etc. in non-standard posting locations may result in damage billing.

Posters and displays associated with a scheduled event in the University Center facilities may be placed in non-standard areas for up to 24 hours with approval from University Information or the Building Coordinator. The posters must meet all regulations in this policy and must be removed immediately following the conclusion of the event.

Only table tents approved by University Information or produced by University Center staff will be permitted on tables throughout Taylor and Warren Halls.

Organizations whose recognition has been withdrawn by the University will not be allowed posting privileges, access to display cases, or any other form of facility usage.

Residence Halls: Posters and flyers may be posted in approved locations in residence halls by contacting the hall director or resident assistants between 8:00 p.m. and midnight prior to posting. Signs or decorations may be placed in windows of student residences only with the permission of the hall director.

Specific Prohibitions

In order to maintain the natural beauty of the campus and preclude a cluttered appearance of the buildings, the following actions are specifically prohibited:

- Posters, notices, announcements, or other materials will not be attached to walls, windows, porches, sidewalks, light fixtures, stairways, the outside of buildings, trees, trash receptacles, shrubs, utility poles or anywhere other than approved general purpose bulletin boards on the campus.
- Posters or announcements with dimensions exceeding 17 x 22 inches will not be approved for posting on bulletin boards.
- Flyers or notices may not be placed in, on, or attached to automobiles on campus.
- Signs and advertising will promote only the student organization or recipient charity. The Coordinator of University Information must approve reference to non-university vendors.
- Campaign posters are not permitted on campus except in connection with approved campus, municipal, state or national events. In these cases, the poster design must emphasize primarily the event or activity rather than the candidate or cause.
- Advertising the sale of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, or any phrase or symbol that would lead the reader to believe that alcohol or illegal drugs will be served or consumed, is prohibited.

User Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the student organization, faculty group, or other university organization to:

- take material to be posted to a University Information site in Warren Hall, Taylor Hall, or the College Center to have it approved and stamped with a removal date.
- post the stamped material on general purpose bulletin boards in assigned areas.
- remove the material from the bulletin board within 24 hours after the removal date.
- include on the flyer the name and contact information (e-mail address, phone number) of the organization sponsoring the notice or event
- be considerate of others who have posted by not covering previously posted material.

Posting by Non-University Organizations

These regulations apply to non-university organizations desiring to post flyers, posters, banners, distribute materials or literature, or solicit membership on campus independently or if sponsored by a recognized student organization or university office or department.

- All non-university organizations must conform to the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- The university reserves the right to assign non-university organizations to specific locations for the posting of information.
- At no time shall JMU grant or deny authorization of distribution or posting of information based on its content, unless such distribution or posting is commercially motivated. However, the distribution or posting of said material shall be subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions.
- Only a limited amount of space is available to non-university organizations. Space will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and priority will be given to activities conducted by students, faculty, or staff (alone or in conjunction with non-university organizations) over those conducted solely by non-university organizations.
- These posting regulations may not apply to non-university activities in special campus-sponsored events, as determined by the university, which occur from time-to-time on campus. However, these events have their own regulations that apply to non-university organizations.
- All non-university posters, flyers, or brochures must be approved by University Information prior to posting.
- University facilities may not be used for solicitation of faculty, staff, or students by private enterprise profit organizations, except for solicitations for instructional materials as permitted by the University Handbook. This includes solicitation by individual contact, free advertising on campus through flyers, posters, or similar materials, and profit-oriented activities not officially sanctioned by the university.

Sidewalk Chalking

Sidewalk chalking is not permitted on the JMU campus in any location for any reason.

Display Cases

Display cases are located in the University Center on the second floor of Taylor Hall and in Taylor Down Under and may be reserved by contacting the appropriate office.

Taylor Hall, 2nd floor

Five display cases are available for use by recognized or pending clubs and organizations. They can be reserved for a period of two weeks to advertise organization activities or provide general information. No solicitation or obscene materials will be permitted. To reserve a case, University Information (x3583) or stop by University Information at Warren (3rd floor). Any club or organization damaging the display case will be held responsible for its repair or replacement.

Taylor Down Under

Taylor Down Under has seven display cases that can be reserved by JMU departments and student organizations for a total of four, un-consecutive times each academic year. Four of the seven cases have been reserved for JMU department use only and may be reserved for a period of one month. Three of the cases have been allotted for student organization use only and may be reserved for a period of two weeks beginning on Monday and ending on Sunday.

The University Center, University Information, Office of Clubs and Organizations, and Taylor Down Under will not be responsible
for items left in the cases beyond the reservation period or for theft or damage to items displayed in the cases. Some cases are 36" wide x 36" high x 12" deep, have sliding doors, two removable shelves, and a black tackable surface. Some are 60" wide x 36" high x 24" deep, have swing doors, and a black tackable surface. In the event the shelves need to be removed for the display, they must be left in the bottom of the case.

**Banners**

There are three permissible banner locations: two on the Loft balcony facing west and one on the second floor of Taylor Hall by the post office boxes.

The Loft balcony spaces can support banners up to 9' long by 3' high and can be reserved for two-week periods beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. Priority is given to the University Programming Board for one of the Loft spaces. The Taylor Hall space can support banners up to 8' long by 4' high and can be reserved for one-week periods beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday

All spaces can be reserved by contacting University Information @ Warren (x3583). The user is responsible for the placement and removal of the banner in a timely fashion.

Banners must be removed at the end of the reservation period (Sunday night) or before to allow for the following week's posting.

Student organizations or departments may reserve spaces up to four times per year with no more than one banner space being used by an organization at a time.

The University Center and University Information will not be responsible for banners left beyond the reservation period or for theft or damage to banners displayed.

**Brochure Racks**

Brochure racks are available at University Information sites across campus for use by JMU departments and student organizations and non-university businesses and organizations. All brochures must be approved by University Information Site Supervisors or the Coordinator of University Information for placement in the racks.

**Student Clubs and Organizations**

The JMU student body has proven to be a very active and diverse group. Working with full-time faculty and staff members as advisers, JMU students have successfully organized more than 260 student organizations. The organizations include membership in academics, fraternities, honor societies, publications, religions, service, sororities, sports and special interest. For a description of student organizations refer to "Things to Do At JMU" or our web site www.jmu.edu/ucenter/sos. Inquiries are welcome at Student Organization Services, Taylor Hall, Room 209.

**Recognition of Student Organizations**

Students interested in forming a new student organization should contact Student Organization Services to obtain a copy of the criteria for recognition. Interested groups need to describe how the prospective group will contribute to the university. The group should also be able to estimate the number of interested students. A letter of intent and a constitution must be written, and the group must have a full-time JMU faculty or staff adviser. Organizations in the process of forming may use campus facilities to meet for the purposes of organizing and attracting new members. Pending status is given to such organizations for a period not to exceed two semesters. After two semesters, privileges are withdrawn until the group's constitution is approved. Constitutions are reviewed by Student Organization Services staff and then presented to the Committee on Club Recognition for consideration and comments. After Committee approval, the proposed clubs are presented to the Commission on Student Services. If the commission approves the recognition, the club is forwarded to the president of the university for final approval.

After an organization has been formally recognized by the university, student clubs and organizations are required to:

1. Complete the Student Organization Annual Registration Form no later than two weeks after the fall semester begins. Failure to complete this form could result in an organization losing its formal recognition and thus losing all rights and privileges extended to recognized clubs and organizations. Forms are available in Student Organization Services, Taylor Hall, Room 209 or on the web site.
2. Send updated bylaws to SOS at MSC 3501. Submit constitutional changes to the Committee on Club Recognition for consideration.
3. Secure a full-time JMU faculty or staff member to serve as the organization's adviser if a vacancy occurs.
4. Attend one Nuts and Bolts Workshop per year prior to scheduling space for organizational use. One representative from each organization is required to attend to review policies and procedures for utilizing university facilities and/or vehicles.
5. Uphold university policy on hazing. Organizations that are found to be in violation of this policy are subject to discipline by the university and may immediately lose their status as recognized student organizations of the university. Individual members who are found to be in violation of this policy are in violation of the Code of Student Conduct and may be disciplined in accordance with established university procedures.
6. Utilize office space in Taylor Hall, if allocated. Fulfill expectations outlined by the selection committee. Check organization box and E-mail at least once a week.

**Disbandment of Student Organizations**

Existing organizations may be disbanded if requirements are not fulfilled by the organization. Annual organization reviews will occur to ensure existing organizations meet the same criteria by which newly forming organizations are judged. Organizations will be placed on an inactive list for no more than one semester. If requirements have not been met after one semester, the organization will be disbanded and must go through the recognition process if the group wants to be re-established.

**Contractual Agreements – Student Clubs and Organizations**

Provisions of this policy apply to contractual agreements entered into by student clubs and organizations of JMU, whether or not they receive direct financial support through campus fees or student activities fees.

When a contractual agreement with nonuniversity agencies is involved, all JMU student organizations planning to conduct programs on or off the campus, or which provide services to JMU students, must follow the procedures outlined herein:

1. No student or officer of any student organization may use the name of James Madison University in connection with contractual agreements which obligate the university financially or in any other way, without expressed written authorization obtained in Student Organization Services, Taylor Hall, Room 209.
2. The executive officers of the student organization must discuss the program or service for which they seek contractual agreements with the organization's adviser. Also, they must obtain the adviser's signature on the contract for such services and submit the contract for services to the SOS for review, signature and referral to other university officials as appropriate. For the contract to be valid, there must be at least two signed original copies of each. No contracts can be processed for payment before being signed by both parties.

An original signed copy of the contract and all riders must accompany the request for payment (check request).

3. No contractual agreement may be executed until facilities and finances called for by the contract have been arranged by the student organization's officers and adviser to the satisfaction of Student Organization Services. A copy of the JMU contract rider or parts thereof shall be attached to the contract. Each bid, proposal or contract must be accompanied by a detailed budget for the event outlining anticipated revenues and all expenses related to the event. The organization must be able to cover the full cost of the event from the organizational budget. If it is determined that there is inadequate time to complete the con-
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4. Contracts generated by student organizations which are budgeted by the Student Government Association and the Media Board (University Program Board, Bluestone, The Breeze, etc.) must be approved by the appropriate university officials (Student Organization Services; provost of the College of Arts and Letters; SGA adviser, etc.). Contracts involving those organizations that call for payments exceeding $10,000 for services rendered must be approved by the vice president for administration and finance.

5. Contracts which provide for on-campus sales or solicitation by nonuniversity agencies fall under university policies governing such on-campus sales and solicitation (see "Soliciting, Petitioning, Selling, Surveying and Publicizing").

6. It is the responsibility of the executive officers of the sponsoring organization to keep their adviser and Student Organization Services currently advised about the organization’s sponsorship of programs or services which may obligate the university financially or in other ways. Student Organization Services may refer the student organization to more appropriate university agencies to deal with the particulars of contractual arrangement.

SGA Funding

Student Government Contingency Account

The contingency account is available to recognized student organizations for funding during the year. The account is monitored by the SGA finance committee, and all requests will be heard by this body before its recommendations are sent to the Senate and Executive Council for approval. The purpose of the SGA contingency account is to support those events or functions which appeal to all JMU students and which are most likely to benefit the student population. (See SGA constitution for further details.)

Allocation and Disbursement of Student Fees

In the spring of each school year, the finance committee of the Student Government Association holds hearings for organizations that want to receive front-end budgeting. A portion of student fees is set aside, making up the fund from which these organizations receive their funding. The remainder of the fund becomes the contingency account. All other recognized student groups may apply for funding through the contingency account. In general, the fees will be allocated in support of cultural, educational, service and entertainment events that intend to appeal to the general student population.

Student Media

"The Bluestone," the student yearbook; "The Breeze," the student newspaper; and WXJM, the student radio station are each governed by the university media board appointed annually by the president of the university under charters approved by the JMU Board of Visitors.

Questions and concerns about these media should be directed to their student editors or managers. Unresolved issues should be referred to the chair of the university media board.

Office of Admission

The Office of Admission is responsible for the recruitment, admission and enrollment of prospective students to JMU. The office accepts applications from freshmen, transfer, re-entry and international undergraduate students. A description of the university’s admission policies and procedures is available in the undergraduate catalog.

The office is located in Sonner Hall. Group conferences and campus tours are held throughout the week and on Saturdays. Campus tours are conducted by members of the JMU Student Ambassadors organization. The office also sponsors recruitment activities for minority students with the support and assistance of the Students for Minority Outreach organization. SMO members co-sponsor the fall-semester “Take A Look” program and the spring-semester visitation weekend.

VII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Division of Academic Affairs supports the mission of the university by providing a high-quality education for JMU students of all ages. This includes a broad general education to prepare graduates for all aspects of life as well as specialized education to provide for future career success. Education at JMU provides for affective as well as cognitive development. Faculty research is an important aspect of the academic mission of the university and supports student learning.

This section of the handbook is designed to give selected academic information with which every student should be familiar. The complete academic regulations governing the academic program, including the requirements for graduation, are more thoroughly stated in the JMU Undergraduate Catalog. Each student must meet the graduation requirements given in the catalog for the year he or she is admitted or any year following. It is very important that the student keep this catalog for future reference.

Office of the Registrar

The Office of the Registrar is custodian of all academic records and provides student record and registration services to students, faculty and staff.

Student Record Services,
Wilson Hall, Room 104, 568-6281

The Student Record Services area is responsible for grade collection and distribution, transcript issuance, graduation certification, diploma issuance, transfer credit evaluation, Veterans Education Programs and university withdrawal procedures.

Registration Services, Warren Hall, Room 304, 568-3736

Registration Services supports telephone and walk-in registration and course adjustment for enrolled undergraduate and graduate students and registration for international and continuing education programs. The Registration Services area also provides information regarding policies and procedures and serves as a distribution point for forms and degree audit reports.

Card Services,
Warren Hall, 3rd Floor, 568-6446

Card Services issues JMU access cards for university students, faculty and staff. Card Services also administers meal plan and Dining Dollar declining-balance accounts for dining services. Both resident and commuter students have meal plan options. For details on these plans, please read the area under dining service meal plans.

Card Services administers the FLEX declining-balance accounts that are honored for purchases or services in the following areas: JMU Bookstore, Mister Chips convenience store, Postal Services, vending machines, health center lab fees, pizza delivery, copy machines, microfiche, campus parking, copy centers, Warren Hall ticket office and all dining service locations. Please refer to the JAC brochure for details.

Withdrawal from the University

Any student who is considering withdrawal from the university should contact the Office of the Registrar to gain a perspective on the personal, financial and academic implications of such a decision. A staff member will provide factual information and aid in the decision-making process. If a student should need additional help, a referral will be made. Upon a student’s decision to withdraw, a staff member will help work out the administrative details.

Readmission to the University

A student who withdraws for extenuating circumstances or medical reasons will be asked to provide written verification of therapeutic treatment or corrective intervention during his or her absence from the university. This verification shall be provided by the professional staff person or the physician treating the student during the
withdrawal. This clearance procedure must be complete 30 days prior to enrollment for the semester in which the student wants to return.

Nonreturning Students
All students who plan to complete their current semester but do not intend to return to JMU for the subsequent semester should notify the Office of the Registrar in writing. This notification is necessary whether or not students have registered or paid.

Programs for Improving Academic Skills
The university provides professional staff for students who need assistance in improving academic skills that influence their ability to do satisfactory work in their course assignments. Any student who wants to take advantage of these services may do so. Students may also be referred to a laboratory on a voluntary basis by any faculty member, academic adviser or the Counseling and Student Development Center. There is no charge for these services. Attendance is always voluntary.

Mathematics Tutoring Center
The Mathematics Tutoring Center offers assistance to students who wish to enhance their abilities with mathematical concepts and skills taught in 100-level and some 200-level mathematics courses. The center, administered by the mathematics department, is located in Burruss Hall, Room 133.

The Reading and Writing Support Labs
To support the university’s efforts to help students succeed academically and professionally, the Reading and Writing Support Labs offer individualized help to any student who wants to improve reading and writing skills. Instruction is coordinated, as much as possible, with class work to meet each student’s specific need. Freshmen may seek assistance in meeting the reading and writing requirements of any course. Upperclassmen may use the labs to increase reading speed and comprehension and improve writing and grammar skills. Help is also available for students writing applications and letters. These labs are located in Wilson Hall, Rooms 403 and 404.

Supplemental Instruction Program
Supplemental Instruction (SI) is an academic assistance program that strives to improve university retention rates and student achievement. SI features students helping students successfully complete historically challenging courses. In regularly scheduled out-of-class sessions, students, aided by peer leaders, work together to master course content and develop their organizational, study, and learning skills. SI is free, voluntary, and open to the entire student population of each selected course. The program focuses on aiding all students in a class, regardless of their knowledge or ability level. Our office is in Wilson Hall or call (540) 568-2507.

JMU Libraries
JMU Libraries, consisting of Carrier Library, the Music Library and CISAT Library Services, support research, study and instruction in the use of information resources at JMU. A principal goal is to provide students with lifelong learning skills that will enable them to find, use and evaluate information in all formats. Services include walkup and electronic reference service, Interlibrary Loan/Documents Express, a library web site as a gateway to resources, a liaison program with a librarian assigned to each academic department, Subject Guides to resources in every discipline, and “Go for the Gold” online library instruction modules. The loan period at Carrier Library generally is three weeks for undergraduates and six weeks for graduate students. Overdue fines are $0.25 per day per book.

Carrier Library is open 102 hours per week during the academic year. Reference librarians are available at the Reference Desk on the first floor to answer questions and to assist with research. At the Reserve Desk on the second floor, professors place material on reserve for either 2-hour or 2-day circulation. Photocopiers are located on the first and second floors, and JAC cards can be used for copying. Rooms for group study are located on the third floor. Keys to the basement Graduate Student Study Room are available at the Circulation Desk. A special facility for students with disabilities is located on the first floor of Carrier Library; to use this “Assistive Technology Lab” students should inquire at the Circulation Desk.

The Media Resources Center, located in the basement of Carrier Library, provides collections in many nonprint media formats (audio, video, software, etc.). Most of these collections are in closed stacks and must be checked out and returned to the center’s own Media Circulation Desk. Hours of service, loan periods and fines vary from those of Carrier Library and are posted.

The Music Library serves the students and faculty members of the School of Music, as well as the greater university community, from its location in the basement of the Music Building. Its collections are in closed stacks and must be requested at the Circulation Desk. The music library also houses the music computer lab consisting of twelve MIDI workstations.

CISAT Library Services supports students and faculty on the east campus primarily through electronic resources, reference service, and document delivery. The Service Desk is located in the CISAT Modular Building, Room 125, which is a general computer lab with 36 networked computers.

To preserve the Libraries’ materials and furnishings, food and drink are prohibited. The only exception is drinks that are carried in a rigid plastic thermal mug with rigid snap-on cover, or other drinks with screw-on caps. All other drinks and food which are being consumed on the premises must be discarded. Smoking is permitted only in Room 8 in the basement of Carrier Library.

State law provides a tool that must regrettably be used on occasion to protect our collections for legitimate use. Mutilation of any library property, including books, periodicals, videos, microforms, etc. is a violation of Statute 18.2-138 of the Code of Virginia. Student violators are not only subject to a judicial charge and liable for replacement costs, but they are also liable to be charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor or a Class 6 felony as defined in the code.

Continuing Education
The mission of the Office of Continuing Education is to utilize available educational technology to extend the resources of the University community to citizens in order to provide continuing professional development and outreach services that enhance personal development of individuals and stimulate economic development. James Madison University recognizes that many people cannot attend college on a full-time basis and that adult students have educational needs that do not conform to traditional academic programs. Courses for in-service instruction, new licensure or relicensure for school personnel, and programs leading to graduate degrees are being offered off-campus where there is sufficient student demand to support these programs. The University provides graduate courses pursuant to the master of business administration degree in the Charlottesville area and the master of science degree in speech-language pathology in the northern Virginia area. A variety of other graduate and undergraduate courses are delivered off-campus for professional development.

A student enrolled for credit courses who is not seeking a degree is classified as a special student. This classification applies to students who enroll for day and/or evening classes. Although courses taken in the special student category carry university credit, they do not fulfill degree requirements. The taking of courses as a special student does not constitute admission to a
program or imply later applicability of these courses toward a degree. If students subsequently seek admission to work for a degree, courses taken in "special student" status will be evaluated to determine their applicability toward the degree sought.

The Office of Continuing Education coordinates noncredit instructional programs through the Office of Noncredit Instructional Programs. Noncredit instructional products are available for supplementing and updating knowledge, skills, and abilities. Some noncredit products award continuing education units (CEUs) as a uniform measure of professional development. The Office of Continuing Education serves as a referral center for the external community to access the university's noncredit resources.

The continuing education office delivers a variety of educational products to external audiences to extend the resources of the university to the public and to develop partnerships between levels of education, business, industry, government agencies, and community-based organizations. A variety of campus conferences, institutes, centers, and other outreach programs are offered by the continuing education office to accomplish the mission and achieve University objectives.

Information pertaining to professional development courses, programs outreach services, and other instructional products is available at the web site http://www.jmu.edu/contined or by telephoning 540-568-6169.

Adult Degree Program

The Adult Degree Program is an interdisciplinary program for returning adult students that involves all JMU academic departments and colleges. The Individualized Studies major was designed specifically to make available to the adult learner an opportunity to pursue an undergraduate degree that meets individualized needs, goals, and time schedules.

Applicants to the Adult Degree Program must have a lapse of three full years in their formal education and a minimum of 30 semester hours of acceptable college credit for entry into the program. A individualized curriculum proposal will be prepared during a required orientation course (BIS 200B). The student's academic advisor and the program director must approve the program proposal. Credit may be earned by various nontraditional mechanisms for earning credit, including the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), departmental examinations, correspondence courses, Internet-based courses, independent study, prior learning assessments (experiential learning), Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction (PONSI), military service training, and transfer credit.

Returning adult students interested in more information on the Adult Degree Program should refer to the web site at http://www.jmu.edu/adultdegree or telephone 540-568-6824.

Sponsored Research and Outreach

The Office of Sponsored Research and Outreach extends the resources of the university to provide research opportunities for faculty and students and to support the economic advancement of the state and region. It develops and sustains model partnerships to support long-term K-12 education reform; supports the development of high-paying, low environmental impact jobs by establishing the Shenandoah Valley as a high tech area and the I-81 region as the education corridor; serves as a one-stop shopping center for access to university resources; and develops and sustains inter disciplinary teams of faculty and staff members, students and private sector partners to address selected economic or societal challenges. Sponsored research and outreach also coordinates community, business and government access to the university's resources.

Sponsored Programs

The Office of Sponsored Programs is responsible for providing support and information to promote activities, which assist faculty/staff in gaining external funding to further university research and project support. The office works closely with university finance, federal, state and private agencies in order to comply with university, state and agency guidelines.

Academic Policies

The primary sources for current policies are the graduate and undergraduate catalogs. Refer to your catalog or to http://www.jmu.edu/catalog for information on the following academic policies.

- Academic Standing and Continued Enrollment
- Attendance
- Course Adjustment
- Credit by Examination
- Credit/No-Credit Course Registration
- Final Examinations
- Grade Appeal Procedure
- Grade Change Procedure
- Grade Review Process
- Graduation Requirements
- Misconduct in Research and Other Scholarly Works
- Repeating Courses
- Student Grievance Procedure
- Transcript
- Transfer Credit from Other Institutions
- Withdrawal from the University

VIII. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

The Division of Administration and Finance consists of the following areas: finance, resource planning, information technology, facilities management, public safety and business services.

Dining Services

JMU Dining Services serves the entire university community through five divisions: Chandler Hall Division, Dining Services Administration, Gibbons Hall/Festival Division, South Main Street Division and the University Center Division. Dining Services is an JMU-owned and operated auxiliary enterprise, which, as a state agency, is subject to all the statutes, policies and procedures regulating government operations throughout the state. However, it receives no tax money. It supports itself with revenues from its own industry, serving students, faculty, staff and university guests. Cash paying guests are welcome at all facilities at all times.

For additional information about Dining Services, dial JMU-FOOD to reach the Dining services Administration Office. Or drop by the office at Gibbons Entrance 7. Be sure to ask for the Let's Eat Campus Dining Guide, which is updated each semester and contains prices, business hours and other information about the various dining locations.

Chandler Hall Division

The Chandler Hall Division operates Mrs. Green's, Lakeside Express and the university's catering services.

JMU Catering Services

Chiefly occupied with catered events for the administration, faculty and staff, the catering arm of the Dining Services Department is not widely known to students. Yet, it welcomes business from students and can be immensely useful to them if they are sponsoring events with any kind of food. JMU Catering Services is a highly capable and very versatile organization. Headquartered in Chandler Room G16, Catering provides services in every corner of the campus, and it will serve groups ranging in size from a mere handful of persons to over 1,000. Elegant dinners parties, huge banquets, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, cocktail parties, picnics, party platters, snacks foods for meeting breaks and more - they do it all anytime, anywhere on campus. Want to do it yourself, but you aren't sure how? The Catering staff is glad to advise students planning their own events - free. Just call and make an appointment. Yet another
service, students with meal plans can receive a meal transfer credit towards the purchase of catered meals. Cash, Dining Dollars, Dining Dollars Gold and FLEX accepted. Tel. 568-6637.

Lakeside Express
Open from dinnertime into the late night seven nights per week, Lakeside Express makes a good change of pace option for dinner as well as a great place to take a study break or quell the nighttime munchies. Especially famous for hot deli sandwiches, it also serves pizza, baked goods, bottled beverages and more. Lakeside Express is located on the ground floor of Chandler Hall beside Newman Lake. Eat in or take out. Cash, Dining Dollars, Dining Dollars Gold and FLEX accepted. Tel. 568-7079.

Mrs. Green's
Mrs. Green's is open for lunch weekdays. Located in the Shenandoah Room on Chandler Hall's ground floor, Mrs. Green's offers a giant salad bar, fresh baked breads, homemade soups, desserts, the ever popular Chef's Corner and a great view of the Eagle Beach area. Eat in or take out. Meal punches, cash, Dining Dollars, Dining Gold and FLEX accepted. Tel. 568-7079.

Dining Services

Administration Division
Though it is fundamentally the seat of the Director of Dining Services, the Administration Division also provides certain services direct to students. The office is located at Gibbons Entrance 7.

Advertising
Student groups can get free advertising on Dining Services' weekly table tents – on a space available basis – for on campus activities. The deadline for submissions is Tuesdays at 4pm. Tel. JMU-FOOD.

Caregrams and Cakes
Dining Services can provide specialty cakes and gifts for students celebrating a birthday or special occasion. Featured gifts of the month are also available, and they are advertised to parents. For information, dial JMU-FOOD.

Food Service / Fund Raising Counseling
Dining Services is responsible for reviewing in advance any student event that involves serving food to the public, which includes other students who are not members of the sponsoring organization. Public safety (food sanitation) and sanctity of the campus in regards to unauthorized vendors are important concerns. While protecting the campus, the counseling process can also be educational for the groups serving the food, and it sometimes results in business partnerships between and Dining Services and the groups involved. An event where food will be served to the public must be submitted to the Administration Division for review at least two weeks before the event. Tel. JMU-FOOD

Nutrition Counseling
JMU Dining Services employs a registered dietitian who will, without charge, counsel dining individual students with dining contracts concerning dietary and related health matters. In cases of exceptional need, the dietitian will arrange service of specially prepared meals for students who medically require such service. The nutritionist will also arrange special meal take out services for students temporarily confined to their rooms for illness or medical reasons. Also, the nutritionist is available to meet with or speak to JMU clubs or organizations on dietetic related topics. Tel. JMU-FOOD.

Gibbons Hall/
Festival Division

Gibbons Hall is JMU's largest dining facility. It includes the Gibbons Dining Hall buffetaria dining rooms as well as three other, separate dining options: Door 4 Subs, Lets Go! and Market One. The Festival, located in the CISAT College Center, is a food court with eight shops offering a wide array of dining choices.

Door 4 Subs
Located just inside Gibbons Entrance 4, Door 4 Subs is a popu-
They may also purchase them over the phone or by mail. In fact, Dining Services typically mails out thousands of brochures to students' plans: 19-Plus, 14 Plan, Weekly 10, Weekly 5 and Weekly 3. Services welcomes them and offers a variety of off campus, "convenient and/or good security to own a meal plan. JMU Dining vice, saying they prefer to fix meals in their residence hall or microwave ovens, are not permitted in residence hall rooms. This delivers. However, JMU never separates room from board, except circumstances. (See "Changing Meal Plans" below.) Students who do get meals with their rooms, a choice must be made among the three meal plan options available - 19-Plus, 14-Plus and Weekly 11 Plus. For the great majority of on campus students who automatically receive a meal plan. The few exceptions are students who live in university housing units individually equipped with kitch- enettes. Those few may also buy a meal plan, but they must do it separate from their housing contract, similar to off campus students (see below).

For the great majority of on campus students who automatically get meals with their rooms, a choice must be made among the three meal plan options available - 19-Plus, 14-Plus and Weekly 11 Plus. The selection is easily accomplished by simply checking off the desired meal plan on the JMU Housing and Food Services Contract. However, though the choice is easy to effect, students should choose carefully since meal plans are refundable only in a few, narrow circum-

A declining balance meal plan that operates similar to a debit card at a bank. Students deposit a sum of money, as much as they wish, into a Dining Dollars Gold account. They can then go to all Dining Services facilities, including many vending machines, and charge purchases to their account by using their university ID card (JAC). Funds can be added to the account at any time. Dining Dollars Gold can only be used in Dining Services facilities. Having a Dining Dollars Gold account has several advantages for any student. First, Dining Dollars Gold funds are more secure than cash. If a student loses her/his JAC, s/he may call Campus Card Services (or University Police during off-hours) to have the card disconnected. Also, it is a way to preserve money for eating, and not let it slip away on other notions. Dining Dollars Gold stretches the student’s dollar: There is a five percent discount on all purchases made with Dining Dollars Gold, and there is no sales tax, all of which equates to a 9.5% discount on purchases. And Dining Dollars Gold are refundable. Students can request refunds of left over Dining Dollars Gold during the two weeks preceding spring commencement or upon withdrawing or otherwise permanently leaving the university. However, returning students, rather than getting a refund in the spring, may elect to leave left over Dining Dollars Gold in their accounts. Where they will be waiting for them when they return in the fall (or summer).

Dining Dollars are exactly like Dining Dollars Gold except 1) they are not purchased directly by students but come as part of a meal plan, and 2) they are not refundable and must be spent or forfeited within a specified timeframe, usually one semester. Another declining balance program at JMU is FLEX. FLEX is administered by Campus Card Services, not the Dining Services Department. It is not a true meal plan, because it can be used for many other purposes, such as shopping in the bookstore, buying concert tickets or even paying parking tickets. It can be used to buy virtually anything on campus - including meals, snacks, a vending machine items from Dining Services. Like Dining Dollars Gold, a five percent discount is given on all purchases made with Dining Dollars Gold, and there is no sales tax, all of which equates to a 9.5% discount on purchases. Dining Dollars Gold, Dining Dollars and FLEX by using their university ID (JAC) cards. Meal plans are also accessed by using the JAC. It is possible, in fact not uncommon, for students to have funds in all three kinds of declining balance accounts plus a meal plan - all accessed with a single JAC. The student simply presents the JAC to the cashier and tells her/him which account to debit when obtaining a meal or making a purchase.

Off-Campus Meal Plans Many students who live off campus find it economical, conven- ient and/or good security to own a meal plan. JMU Dining Services welcomes them and offers a variety of off campus, "commuter" plans: 19-Plus, 14 Plan, Weekly 10, Weekly 5 and Weekly 3 Plus. Off campus students may purchase meal plans by going to the Campus Card Services office on the third floor of Warren Hall. They may also purchase them over the phone or by mail. In fact, Dining Services typically mails out thousands of brochures to students or their parents offering mail order meal plans. Students may obtain informational materials about meal plans from either Campus Card Services (Tel. 568-6446) or from the Dining Services Administration Office (Tel. JMU-FOOD), although meal plans may be actually purchased only at Campus Card Services. Whether students buy in person or by phone or mail, it is highly recommended they buy them before the start of the semester. The waiting lines to buy meal plans can be very long during the first week of each semester. Students should choose their meal plans carefully, since meal plans are refundable only in a few, narrow circumstances. (See "Changing Meal Plans" below) Cash, checks and certain major credit cards may be used to buy meal plans.

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How Meal Plans Work Meal plans provide a certain number of meals per week. Depending on the plan chosen, the number of meals per week may be as many as 19 or as few as three. Dining Services provides 19 meal periods per week, which includes breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday through Friday and brunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday. The Gibbons Dining Hall cafeteria (D-Hall) is open for all 19 meals periods when JMU is in session. The Festival, Let's Go!, Market One and PC Dukes are open during the majority of meal periods, depending on levels of business activity. Other units keep more specialized schedules, such as lunch or dinner hours only.

D-Hall, Let's Go! and Mrs. Green’s accept meal plans on a prix
Warren Hall. Students must present their JACs when using their serviceable. Cards that have been erased or damaged so they cannot be reported and replaced at the Campus Card Services office in Gibbons Hall and Mrs. Green’s are welcome to unlimited seconds. However, no food or other property of dining services may be taken from the dining premises, and the benefits of an individual dining contract may not be transferred from one person to another. As a convenience to customers and especially so that customers may safeguard their personal belongings from theft, JMU Dining Services allows all customers to freely carry coats, book bags, pocketbooks, knapsacks and other belongings into dining areas. However, in allowing this, dining services reserves the right to search such belongings for articles illicitly being brought into or taken out of dining facilities. Persons who object to having their belongings searched should refrain from bringing them into dining facilities. Solicitations and sales are not allowed in dining services facilities, nor is any form of advertising except that relevant to the business of dining services. However, announcements may be printed free of charge on the dining services’ table tents on a space available basis. Entrances to and exits from the dining facilities must be made via designated doorways. The use of employee, emergency or service entrances is prohibited.

Of course, well-mannered behavior that is respectful of other diners, Dining Services staff and JMU property is expected by everyone at all times. Dining services officials are responsible for maintaining the decorum and integrity of all dining operations. Where discipline problems with customers arise, dining services management may refer a student to the university judicial system or take administrative action by levying a charge for certain offenses. The schedule of these charges is as follows:

**Dining Services Employment Opportunities**

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As a member of the JMU community, dining services is very cognizant of its student employees’ academic priorities and will work with students to ensure the job does not harm scholastics. However, that is seldom necessary. Countless students have found they get better grades when they have a job than when they do not. They say having a work schedule encourages them to plan their time better, including study time.

Furthermore, dining services strives to make the job experience educational in itself, enforcing good attitudes, work habits and organizational skills that will serve well in any future job. Some past student employees, especially those who served as supervisors or managers, say they gained invaluable knowledge and experience.

Although they use the same wage scale, each of the dining services divisions independently runs its own student employment program and does its own hiring. Students interested in working in a certain division should go there or call and ask for the student manager to apply. If that division has no job openings at the moment, however, another one very well might.

**Dining Services Rules**

The dining contract obligates the university to provide meals for the contract holder in Gibbons Hall during established meal hours while the university is officially in session. To exercise the contract and be admitted to meals, the contract holder is obligated to present his or her properly validated JMU Access Card at the dining hall door. No refunds will be made for meals missed due to failure to present an operable JMU Access Card.

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service photo copy, postage stamps, and gift certificates. Campus), same-day film processing, video rental, fax service, self-dry cleaning (drop off/pick up), flower and balloon delivery (on campus). Mister Chips offers several time-saving services such as laundry and grooming aids, newspapers, magazines, groceries, school supplies, balloons, greeting cards, gifts, and fresh flowers. In addition, Mister Chips offers several time-saving services such as laundry and dry cleaning (drop off/pick up), flower and balloon delivery (on campus), same-day film processing, video rental, fax service, self-service photo copy, postage stamps, and gift certificates.

$25 charge
1. Loaning a JMU Access Card to another person
2. Attempting to use or possessing the JMU Access Card of another person
3. Using false pretenses in an attempt to illicitly gain goods or services from dining services
4. Using an improper entrance or exit
5. Attempting to remove food, drink or materials belonging to dining services from the dining premises (concealment of such goods in clothing or other personal belongings is considered an attempt to remove)
6. Refusal to comply with a reasonable request by a dining services official (a request to search personal belongings is considered a reasonable request)
7. Disorderly conduct
8. Damaging dining services facilities, equipment or property (plus cost of damages, $1 minimum assessment); and
9. Bringing alcoholic beverages into a dining services facility (plus confiscation of beverage).

$50 charge
1. Failure to present a JMU Access Card upon request by a dining services official
2. Throwing food, paper or other "soft materials." (the throwing of dishes, silverware or other hard and potentially dangerous materials will automatically be referred to the university judicial system)
3. Stealing or attempting to steal dining services property (concealing such property in clothing or other personal belongings is considered an attempt to steal)
4. Extreme disorderly conduct such as severe personal abuse of customers or employees, physical fighting, jeopardizing the safety of others or causing a serious public disturbance.

Appeals to any of the above-levied charges may be made in person to the assistant to the senior director of dining services. If not satisfactorily resolved at that level, written appeal may be made to the senior director of dining services.

JMU Bookstore
The JMU Bookstore is owned and operated by the university as a service to the campus community. The bookstore stocks all textbooks and course materials used for the academic programs. These items are sold in two locations, the JMU Bookstore in Warren Hall and the College Store East bookstore. In addition to textbooks, both new and used, the stores offer school supplies, computer hardware, software, and supplies, JMU clothing and gifts, magazines, and the largest greeting card selection on campus. A large variety of general and reference books are available to supplement texts and for casual reading.

Store services include special orders for books, textbook buyback, gift certificates, film processing, greeting cards, CDs, bus tickets and a variety of computer-upgrade services and network-card installations.

Mister Chips
The campus convenience store, Mister Chips, is operated by the university and offers a wide variety of campus lifestyle products and services. Product lines include snacks and beverages, health and grooming aids, newspapers, magazines, groceries, school supplies, balloons, greeting cards, gifts, and fresh flowers. In addition, Mister Chips offers several time-saving services such as laundry and dry cleaning (drop off/pick up), flower and balloon delivery (on campus), same-day film processing, video rental, fax service, self-service photo copy, postage stamps, and gift certificates.

Located across from the Godwin bus stop, store hours are 7:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with limited hours in the summer and during breaks.

University Copy Center
The University Copy Centers are owned and operated by the university as a service to the campus community. There are three locations conveniently operating extended hours and providing a full range of photocopying services. Academic coursepack service, copyright permission service, design service, full color copying, digital file storage, network printing and express photocopying service is available. Hours of operation vary specific to the location.

- Medical Arts Suite 31
- Zane Showker Hall, Room 203
- ISAT/CS, Room 129

C-Store East
C-Store East is a campus convenience store located in the lower level of the College Center East with day and evening hours. A full line of convenience items and services are available as well as self-service photocopying and fresh floral arrangements.

Financial Information
Finance incorporates Student Financial Services, Accounting Services, Payroll, Accounts Payable and Purchasing. Additional information about the Finance Division can be found on the Web site at http://www.jmu.edu/offinance.

Cashiers Office
The Cashiers Office is located in Warren Hall, Room 302. Operating hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cashiers accept room, board, tuition and other fee payments and disburse student financial aid refunds. A drop box is located by the cashiers windows to accommodate after-hours transactions.

Payment of Fees
All fees are to be paid prior to the beginning of each semester. No student having unpaid fees or fines due for a previous session will be permitted to register until the account is paid in full. Tuition and fees and their payment due dates are listed in the Schedule of Classes. Specific payment procedures are addressed in the Schedule of Classes published for each semester and are also included with the semester bill.

Returned Checks
Checks returned unpaid because of insufficient funds or for any other reason are considered a serious matter by the university. The student whose account was credited will be notified that the check has been returned. Returned checks must be redeemed at the cashiers window in Warren Hall, with cash, cashiers check or money order by the due date on the notice sent to the student. Payment of the account is considered to have been made on the date the returned check is redeemed; late fees as outlined in the undergraduate and graduate catalogs may apply. Personal checks are not acceptable for the redemption of a returned check. Check privileges at the university are suspended until the check is redeemed. Enforced withdrawal from the university may result when the returned check is in payment of tuition and fees.

Delinquent Accounts
All unpaid invoices are subject to the following regulations enacted by the James Madison University Board of Visitors.

- No credit for university work may be given to any student for a diploma, teacher's license or for transfer purposes until all past due debts to the university have been paid.
- Students will not be eligible for readmission unless accounts are paid in full for the current session and
- With the recommendation of the assistant vice president for finance and the approval of the vice president for administrat-
Refunds

Refunds are authorized during the periods and in the amounts specified in the undergraduate and graduate catalogs for each academic year. Refunds are calculated from the date on which withdrawal from the university is officially approved by the Office of the Registrar. Students who withdraw due to illness certified by a physician or for unavoidable emergency or extenuating circumstances approved by the registrar will be refunded a pro rata share of all fees. The dates for determining pro rata refunds will be those stated in the university calendar for the opening of the dining and residence halls. Students whose connection with the university terminates because of disciplinary action or enforced withdrawal will receive a pro rata adjustment of all fees except for those stated in the university calendar for the opening of the dining and residence halls. Students whose connection with the university terminates because of disciplinary action or enforced withdrawal will receive a pro rata adjustment of all fees except for room. No adjustment in the charge for room and board will be made for late entrances of 10 days or less or for absences of less than 14 days except in the case of hospital confinement where adjustment is made for absences of seven days or longer.

Virginia Status Classification

Eligibility for in-state tuition charges is based on the provisions of section 23-74 of the Code of Virginia. This statute limits in-state tuition to those with Virginia domiciliary status. Virginia domiciliaries must not only have a present fixed home in the commonwealth but must also have the intention of remaining in the state indefinitely. To become eligible for in-state tuition, a dependent student or unemancipated minor shall establish by clear and convincing evidence that for a period of at least one year prior to the date of the alleged entitlement, the person through whom he or she claims eligibility was domiciled in Virginia and had abandoned any previous domicile, if such existed. To become eligible for in-state tuition, an independent student shall establish by clear and convincing evidence that for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the date of the alleged entitlement, he or she was domiciled in Virginia and had abandoned any previous domicile, if such existed. The statute defines an independent student as one whose parents have surrendered the right to his or her care, custody and earnings, have ceased to support him or her and have not claimed him or her as a dependent on federal and state income tax returns for at least 12 months prior to the date of the alleged entitlement. Domicile is defined as the “present, fixed home to which you return following temporary absences and at which you intend to stay indefinitely.” Domiciliary status shall not ordinarily be conferred by the performance of acts which are auxiliary to fulfilling educational objectives or are required or routinely performed by temporary residents of the commonwealth. Mere physical presence or residence primarily for educational purposes shall not confer domiciliary status. A matriculating student who has entered an institution classified as out-of-state shall be required to rebut by clear and convincing evidence the presumption that he is in the commonwealth for the purpose of attending school and not as a bona fide domicile. To establish eligibility an applicant must complete the uniform domiciliary status questions included in the application for admission to the university and on the special student enrollment form. For information on special provisions of section 23-74 covering military families and persons living out of state but employed full time in Virginia, contact the Admissions Office, Graduate School or the Office of Continuing Education. Once an initial determination of eligibility has been made, an applicant who has been denied in-state tuition rates may appeal for a review of the application by contacting the director of the Admissions Office, dean of the Graduate School or director of the Office of Continuing Education, respective of the office making the initial determination. Appeal for a final administrative review of the decision to deny in-state tuition may be made to the university’s Residency Appeals Committee, chaired by the associate vice president for student affairs. If there is any question of the right to classification as a domicile of Virginia, it is the student’s obligation, prior to or at the time of registration, to raise the question with the administrative officials of JMU. Any party aggrieved by a final administrative decision shall petition within 30 days for a review by the Circuit Court of Rockingham County. While attending JMU, written application for reclassification from out-of-state to in-state status is made through the Office of the Bursar. Denial of a request for such reclassification may be appealed within 30 days to the assistant vice president for finance with a final appeal to the Residency Appeals Committee.

No change to the in-state status may be obtained by a student for an academic term that has begun before the date of receipt of the application for reclassification. Any change in classification, if deemed to be warranted, shall be effective for the semester following the date the application for reclassification is received at the Office of the Bursar. If petition for review of the final appeal is desired, it must be made within 30 days to the Circuit Court of Rockingham County. Students are responsible for paying out-of-state tuition rates until in-state has been approved.

Public Safety

The Office of Public Safety consists of the following areas: police, parking, lockshop and safety.

University Police

All emergency calls 568-6911

JMU provides full-service police protection to the campus community through the university police. Fourteen commissioned officers with comprehensive law enforcement powers patrol the campus and facilities 24 hours a day. Their authority, responsibility and training are the same as required of any police officer in Virginia. Within their jurisdiction - which includes all university-owned, leased or controlled property and the adjacent streets and sidewalks - university police have the authority to enforce all provisions of Virginia law in addition to university regulations. They work closely with the neighboring Harrisonburg Police Department, the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department and the Virginia State Police.

University police officers are graduates of any of several state-affiliated regional criminal justice training academies, having completed the 480-hour police basic performance-based training plus biannual in-service training. All are certified by the state’s Department of Criminal Justice Services as police officers and are trained in all phases of law enforcement, including the use of firearms. Officers carry standard-issue or approved firearms at all times and must maintain firearms proficiency through semiannual training, qualification and certification at a local firing range.

Through the Campus Police Cadet Program, carefully screened and trained students are employed to act as auxiliaries for the university police. Cadets are on duty from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m. each weeknight and until 3 a.m. on weekends, patrolling their assigned areas and providing escort services to students walking across campus and to and from parking lots. Following cadet duty hours, university police officers escort students as needed. Cadets are also responsible for patrolling and securing academic and administrative buildings on campus each evening.

Lockshop

The university’s locksmiths work closely with residence life staff and on-campus Greek housing coordinators to ensure the utmost security in the campus living facilities. Lost keys and damaged locks should be reported to the appropriate hall staff member. Locksmiths assist the university police with emergency access when keys are locked in a vehicle.

Safety

The university’s safety engineer conducts safety surveys and inspections; investigates fires, hazardous materials spills and other dangerous conditions; and provides awareness training in all aspects of environmental and workplace safety and health. The
safety engineer works closely with the Harrisonburg Fire Department; the Virginia State Fire Marshal's office; the state's Offices of Risk Management, Waste Management and Occupational Safety and Health; and safety equipment service contractors.

**University Parking Services**
All vehicles parked on property owned, operated or leased by James Madison University are required to display a valid JMU parking permit. For complete information regarding the university's parking regulations please refer to the Parking and Traffic Regulations handbook. A copy of the Parking and Traffic Regulations handbook may be obtained free of charge upon request at the University Parking Services office. Updated information can be obtained throughout the academic year by accessing our web site at http://www.jmu.edu/pubsafety/parking.htm. For additional questions and concerns contact University Parking Services at 568-3300 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Resource Planning and Information Technology**
Resource planning includes the offices of budget, facilities planning and construction, and real property management. In addition, the Assistant Vice President for Resource Planning functions as the university's risk management officer. These units comprise JMU's central planning organization and provides the University with the funds and facilities it needs to succeed in its mission.

**Budget**
This office's primary mission is to prepare, communicate and execute the university's annual operating budget and biennial budget request to the Commonwealth. Its secondary mission is to provide senior management with professional analytical capabilities in support of the development of future financial plans.

**Facilities Planning and Construction**
This unit supports the process of planning, acquiring and managing the capital assets of the university.

**Real Property Management**
This unit manages the procurement process for land and buildings and manages all University leases for real property.

**Risk Management**
This unit manages JMU’s insurance program and works with other university offices and constituencies to minimize the organization’s exposure to risk and liability.

**Technical Services**
This unit directs the operation of network services, operating systems support, computer operations, database management, and personal computer maintenance and repair.

**Computing Labs**
On-campus computing labs, which are equipped with a total of more than 300 Windows 95/98 and Macintosh computers, host a variety of word processing, spreadsheet, graphics, database and statistical software. All lab computers are connected to the campus network and have access to central computing systems, the Campus-Wide Information System and the Internet.

**HelpDesk**
The HelpDesk is a troubleshooting hot line and information desk for computing-related issues. Its consultants respond to questions from the JMU community on a wide range of computing topics.

**Integrated Information Systems**
This unit is responsible for the development, maintenance and customer support of centrally managed administrative computing applications. These areas include financial, student, human resources, maintenance management, university advancement and other management information systems.

**Technology Planning**
This unit is responsible for the coordination of information technology planning, information technology policies and procedures, technology procurement administration, and special projects.

**Telecommunications**
This unit provides direction in the planning and administration of telecommunications resources and services.

Telecommunications provides operations support for JMU's telecommunications system. This includes installation and maintenance support of the data communications network and telephone systems on campus as well as in certain off-campus locations.

The telecommunications center is located at the east entrance to Wilson Hall. The telephone system is operated by the university as a service to the campus community.

On-campus telephone service is provided in each residence hall room. For off-campus and long-distance services, JMU Telecom Personal Identification Number (PIN) are subject to the following regulations:
1. The monthly charge for the Telecom Personal Identification Number (PIN) is $5 per month. Each student must obtain his/her own account.
2. Students in a residence hall room share the ultimate responsibility for all calls made from their room and for damage to the equipment in excess of normal wear and tear.
3. The cost for long-distance calls will be comparable to or less than the applicable AT&T direct-dial rate.
4. Payments for services are due upon receipt of bill. Any discrepancy with your account must be addressed at the Telecom Office within 45 days of receiving your bill. Delinquent accounts are subject to the university policies as stated in this handbook.
5. Fraudulent use of a Telecom PIN will result in a written notice to the students assigned to the extension originating the fraudulent call. This notice will include the cost of the call plus a fine of $15. If not paid within seven days from receipt of the notice, or if further fraudulent calls or misuse of the number continues, a hold will be applied to the students' records or charges may be brought through the university judicial system as described in this handbook.
6. Students are prohibited from accepting collect calls in residence hall rooms. Any room accepting a collect call will be fined $15 plus the cost of the call. The telecommunications office assumes no responsibility for determining which student actually accepted the call.
7. All regular payments should be made using the pre-addressed envelope provided and sent through U.S. Mail.
8. Due to the proximity of residence hall rooms, the use of cordless phones is prohibited. No credit will be issued for duplicate calls resulting from the use of a cordless phone.

All other payments (partial payments, etc.) must be made in accordance with the terms specified in the telecom notices. Irregular payments received by mail may not be credited on time and may result in a service charge.

All residents are encouraged to obtain a Telecom PIN. For further information, call 568-6108.

**Facilities Management**
Facilities Management is responsible for planning and directing a comprehensive maintenance program for all facilities owned by the university, including heating, cooling, grounds improvement, cleaning and beautification. Modifications of university buildings are planned and executed by this office. Facilities Management is also responsible for transportation services for the university.

Routine maintenance and cleaning services are provided by Facilities Management through the Office of Residence Life. Emergency services can be obtained by calling 568-6101 weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 568-6911 on nights, weekends and holidays.
Postal Services
Postal services distributes student and departmental campus mail and processes incoming and outgoing U.S. mail for the entire university. To purchase stamps, mail items, send or pick up packages, the window hours during the regular session are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday during the academic year. During summer session window hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Incoming mail arrives once daily and outgoing mail leaves at 8:30 a.m. and again at 4:15 p.m. Postal services is closed for university holidays.

IX. UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND EXTERNAL PROGRAMS
The division of University Relations and External Programs has the primary responsibility for directing and managing communication for James Madison University. Under the direction of the vice president for university relations the division is organized into areas dealing with the media, university relations, marketing, parent programs and international programs.

Three creative services teams within the Division of University Relations provide a broad range of public relations services for the various academic and staff departments at the university. The teams offer professional editorial and graphic design services for promotional publications; provide technological expertise necessary to deliver University promotional materials; assist in the development of World Wide Web pages; help plan special events; and provide general advice and guidance in public relations.

Parent and Constituent Relations
The JMU Office of Parent and Constituent Relations consists of parent programs, which includes the Parents Council; Parents Weekend; Montpelier; photography; and the JMU Arboretum.

Montpelier
Montpelier is the official University magazine of James Madison University and is produced quarterly for alumni, parents of JMU students, faculty and staff members, and friends of the university. The publication is named for the home of James and Dolley Madison.

University Relations Operations
Through its Operations Office, the Division of University Relations is responsible for overseeing the procurement of printing from off-campus vendors for all the Creative Services Teams.

Photography
The Office of Photography provides photographic services for university publications and other university promotional purposes.

Media Relations
The Office of Media Relations is responsible for disseminating information about the university to the news media and the general public. Also serves as one of the Creative Services Teams from the Division of University Relations.

JMU Extra
The JMU Extra is a special newsletter prepared by the Office of Media Relations and distributed by facsimile machine to all offices on campus.

JMUUniverse
JMUUniverse, produced by the Office of Media Relations, is a monthly newspaper containing information of interest about JMU. It is distributed to faculty and staff at the university.

International Education
In response to the ever-increasing need to prepare our students to function well in the world community, JMU has continued to expand its international educational opportunities. The university operates semester abroad programs in Florence, London, Martinique, Paris and Salamanca (Spain). Some programs require prior language proficiency to take classes at foreign universities, while others offer beginning intensive language training. Along with language classes, the curricula usually include core courses in political science, fine arts and the humanities.

In addition, JMU sponsors international exchange programs connected with area studies programs (Asian studies in Japan, African studies in Ghana) and programs which focus on a particular discipline. These include international business programs in Argentina, France, Germany and a health sciences program in Honduras.

During the summer, numerous short-term international study courses are offered for academic credit. Recent sites have included England, Honduras, Israel, Wales, Austria, Greece, Malta, France, Ireland, and Ghana.

Approximately 80 international internships are available for JMU students through a program for Virginia residents and students enrolled at Virginia institutions of higher education. The internships, in fields such as business, government, art, communications and environment study, are designed primarily for third and fourth-year students, recent graduates, and graduate students. Information about all these programs is available in the Office of International Education.

Institutional Relations and Marketing
The Office of Institutional Relations and Marketing directs marketing, promotional and image-related projects for the university. The office manages annual events at JMU and serves in a liaison capacity with a large number of community organizations. As one of university relations' creative services teams, the office produces major marketing, promotional and student recruitment publications and provides public relations support for the news bureau. The office manages several projects including the Speakers Bureau, community services, special advertising and the university directory.

X. DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS
The university's development program initiates and coordinates all fund-raising activities in support of the academic mission of the university. Fund-raising programs include telefund, direct mail, reunion/class giving, senior class challenge, major gifts and planned giving. The solicitation of all private support is coordinated through the development program that annually seeks gifts from alumni, parents, faculty, friends, foundations and corporations. The development office does not approve any of the off-campus solicitations. Student organization fundraising projects must be approved by the Division of Student Affairs.

Alumni Relations
The Office of Alumni Relations is a liaison with more than 60,000 former students of JMU conducting special programs that include Homecoming, class reunions and the candlelighting ceremony that inducts each graduating class into the JMU Alumni Association. With support from the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the office also sponsors alumni programs for current students and services ranging from career networking to online support programs.

Alumni Chapters
The alumni chapters office works with the alumni volunteers of more than 20 alumni chapters located all over the nation to sponsor student scholarships and develop social activities and service programs to strengthen ties to JMU.
XI. INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

MISSION STATEMENT

In collaboration with the other Divisions of the University, the Division of Institutional Effectiveness at James Madison University seeks to assure that University resources are being used wisely in the pursuit of mission-related University outcomes. The Division facilitates the planning/budgeting process that includes annual review of program objectives, achievable results, and actions taken upon results.

Specifically:

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness promotes the concept, where appropriate, that programs and services have established educational outcomes; that these outcomes are rigorously assessed to determine whether these outcomes are being achieved; and that practices are in place for using assessment results to improve programs and services through modifications including the reallocation of resources.

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness seeks to determine the expectations of constituencies outside the University; the extent to which the University meets these expectations, and the identification of ways in which the University can achieve these expectations.

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness provides for the University a model through which administrative units identify and update their annual outcomes; the ways in which the outcomes are assessed and/or evaluated; and the resources needed.

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness collects and disseminates to the University community and its outside constituencies pertinent and useful data about the University and its faculty, staff, and students.

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness maintains a library on institutional effectiveness literature for the use of the University community.

Human Resources and Training and Development

Human Resources is responsible for providing information and services related to employment, including benefits, salary administration, records, retirement and worker's compensation. Additional programs include classification, compensation, training and other personnel-related matters.

Student Employment

The objectives of the Student Employment Office are to:

- provide standardized practices and procedures for student employment and student payroll services
- provide a centralized information system for student employment opportunities
- enhance the awareness of student employment
- increase the number and variety of on-campus and off-campus employment opportunities

The Office handles the employment process for all student employees and administers the Federal Work-Study and Institutional Employment Programs. The Federal Work-Study Program is federally funded and awarded to economically eligible students. The Institutional Employment Program is funded by the university and does not require financial need. Listings of available positions are available in the Office of Student Employment.

Center for Assessment and Research Studies

The faculty of the Center for Assessment and Research Studies facilitate the assessment of student learning and development. Programmatic effectiveness efforts are in the major, general education, collegiate skills, alumni, student affairs, and technologically delivered education. In conjunction with the School of Psychology, the Center faculty also administer the Doctor of Psychology in Assessment and Measurement program.

Institutional Research

The Office of institutional research is responsible for the collection, analysis and reporting of university statistical information. The office conducts periodic studies of university operations, undertakes special projects of an analytical nature, and coordinates university planning activities.

XII. “YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW”

SAFETY AT JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY - In Compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990

September 1, 1999

Safety on the university campus is a natural source of concern for parents, students and university employees. Education - the business of James Madison University - can take place only in an environment in which each student and employee feels safe and secure. JMU recognizes this and employs a number of security measures to protect the members of its community.

Although the area, with its small-town feel and neighborly attitude, has a relatively low crime rate, crime prevention remains a high priority among residents. JMU does its part to ensure the safety of its students and employees. A professionally trained and supervised police force, a closely screened and well-trained residence life staff, and the students and employees themselves all share in the responsibility of making the JMU campus a safe place to study, work and live.

Police Protection

JMU provides full-service police protection to the campus community through its Office of Public Safety.

Fourteen commissioned officers with comprehensive arrest powers patrol the campus and residence hall areas 24 hours a day. Their authority, responsibility and training are the same as required of any police officer in Virginia. Within their jurisdiction which includes all university-owned, -leased or -controlled property and the adjacent streets and sidewalks, university police have the authority to enforce all regulations and laws, both of the university and of Virginia. They work closely with the Harrisonburg Police Department, the Rockingham County Sheriff’s Department and the local contingent of the Virginia State Police on incidents that occur off campus.

University police officers are graduates of any of several state-affiliated regional criminal justice training academies, having completed the 480-hour police basic performance-based training program, and are required to complete 40 hours of in-service training biennially. All are certified by the state Department of Criminal Justice Services as police officers and are trained in all phases of law enforcement, including the use of firearms. Officers carry standard issue or approved firearms at all times and must maintain firearms proficiency through semiannual classroom training, qualification and certification at a local firing range.

Campus Police Cadet Program

Through the Campus Police Cadet Program, carefully screened students are employed to act as additional eyes and ears for the
Security in University Housing

Nearly 5,500 undergraduate students reside in 29 residence halls and 17 fraternity and sorority houses on the JMU campus. Freshmen are required to live on campus, with the exception of day student commuters. Upper-class students select residence hall assignments dependent upon availability.

Off-campus housing includes apartments, private homes, individual rooms or apartments within private homes, and a small number of off-campus fraternity houses. The university does not provide supervision for off-campus housing.

University housing accommodates three lifestyles: all female, all male and coeducational. Each residence hall has its own visiting hours and guests must be escorted by a hall resident at all times. Overnight guests in the residence halls must be of the same sex.

Access to on-campus housing by university employees is on an "as needed" basis and incorporates strict key control procedures during hours of restricted access. All university repair and maintenance personnel must be in uniform or wearing a JMU photo ID to allow for easy identification by residents.

Each residence hall is staffed with a hall director and a number of resident advisers (one per 40 students). These individuals, living in the halls and on call 24 hours a day, are members of the university’s residence life staff and receive extensive training in enforcing residence hall security policies.

All residence hall doors except main entrances are locked each evening at 8 p.m. and reopen at 7:30 a.m. the following morning. Main entrances are locked at midnight on weekdays and at 2 a.m. on weekends. Students in each residence hall may vote to extend the hours during which all entrances are secured.

From 8 p.m. until main entrances are secured, a resident director or adviser is on duty each evening in the office at the main entrance of each hall. This individual is in immediate telephone contact with university police, if necessary. After the main entrance is locked, the person on duty remains on call, with the office phone transferred to his or her apartment or room.

All residence halls and on-campus fraternities and sororities are closed during holidays and vacations. During low occupancy periods, such as the summer terms, students remaining on campus are moved into one concentrated area of the residence life complex to enhance security effectiveness.

Inspections surveying the security integrity of university housing are conducted periodically by a committee of representatives from residence life, facilities management, locksmiths shop and public safety. In addition, a committee of students meets monthly to discuss security concerns and to provide feedback to the residence life staff. Repairs are made promptly, locks quickly replaced when keys are lost or stolen, and reports of potential safety hazards, such as broken windows, receive immediate response.

Emergency Telephone Number

The on-campus emergency number, 568-6911, directly connects any campus phone with the university police department and should be used when fire, police, or medical assistance is required. This number is also published in the university telephone directory, the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County telephone directory and is printed on a sticker and attached to all residence hall student phones. From the university police department, a network of speed-dialed lines provide direct access to Harrisonburg/Rockingham Emergency Services for local and state law enforcement, fire and rescue services. For information, escort services and other non-emergencies, students and employees should dial 568-6913.

The on-campus number for parking concerns is 568-3300.

In addition to a telephone in each student’s room, 50 outdoor emergency telephones are located across campus and at the main entrance of each of the 29 residence halls. These telephones, housed in highly visible yellow call boxes, provide one-button speed dialing for instant communication with university police.

Campus Emergencies: 568-6911
Information and non-emergencies: 568-6913
Parking Concerns: 568-3300

Alcohol and Drug Policies

JMU is committed to work against the illicit use of drugs and alcohol among students and employees. University police officers enforce all Virginia laws and university policies concerning the purchase, possession, consumption, sale and storage of alcoholic beverages and drugs, including the following:

- Individuals must be 21 years of age to buy, possess or drink alcoholic beverages.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be sold or furnished to any person who at the time of sale or exchange is visibly under the influence of alcohol.
- Falsely representing one’s age for the purpose of purchasing or possessing alcohol is against state law.
- Drunkenness and possession of open containers of alcohol in public areas are prohibited by law.
- The unlawful or unauthorized manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of alcohol and other drugs in the workplace is prohibited.
- Impairment in the workplace from the use of alcohol or other drugs (except the use of drugs for legitimate medical purposes) is prohibited.
- Alcoholics beverages may not be possessed, distributed or consumed at events open to the general university community and held on university property except when specific written approval has been obtained for the event in advance. Sponsors are responsible for ensuring that all persons in attendance at an event comply with state alcohol law and university alcohol policy.
- No student shall possess or distribute an illegal drug, as defined by Virginia’s Drug Control Act. Such possession or distribution is prohibited in any building or on any property owned or operated by the university. Possession is defined to include any area or property for which the student is responsible.

Convictions for violations of these laws could result in fines, loss of driver’s license and imprisonment. University sanctions could include penalties ranging from fines to suspension from the university.

Many physical and psychological health risks are associated with the abuse of alcohol and other substances, including the following:
- Difficulty with attention and learning
- Physical and psychological dependence
- Damage to the brain, liver and heart
- Unwanted sexual activity
- Accidents due to impaired judgement and coordination
- Legal sanctions

Staff members at the JMU Health Center and the JMU Counseling and Student Development Center can provide additional information about these concerns. More complete information on JMU’s substance abuse policy can be found in the section on “University Policies.”

Prevention Efforts

Through a cooperative effort between public safety and the police crime prevention coordinator, residence life, the campus health center and the sexual assault education coordinator, the counseling center, and the School of Health and Human Services, programs on personal safety and security, rape prevention and response, date rape, substance abuse, self-defense and resistance to burglary, larceny and vandalism are conducted regularly throughout the school year.

Each fall, in cooperation with Public Safety’s Crime Prevention Coordinator and the Safety Engineer residence life conducts a safety and security campaign, distributing safety literature to each residence student and requiring all residents to attend hall meetings on per-
sonal safety. Resident advisers in each hall are required to offer a number of programs throughout the year to students in their areas on varying topics of personal safety. At least one lock check per semester is conducted late at night in each residence hall to ensure that student room doors are properly secured. Operation ID, a program which provides engraving and registration services for valuable personal property, is conducted once each semester in residence halls and is available on an ongoing basis through the Office of Public Safety.

In addition to programming throughout the year, the university annually sponsors Alcohol Awareness Week and Drug Awareness Week, two weeks devoted specifically to alcohol and substance abuse prevention.

Through these comprehensive awareness programs, members of the university community learn more about the university’s efforts to enhance their safety and become aware of their own personal stake in their own security and that of others.

**Emergencies Involving Students**

For emergencies involving students, the campus police call on the services of the student affairs staff, including the JMU counseling center and the Sexual Assault Education Coordinator as well as the local Victim/Witness Assistance Program when and where appropriate. The Victim/Witness Assistance Program, established through a cooperative effort between the commonwealth attorney’s office, the campus police, Harrisonburg and Rockingham County law enforcement agencies, state police, and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Community Services Board, is designed to lessen the impact of criminal acts on the victims and witnesses of crimes and to ensure that such individuals receive fair treatment while participating in the criminal justice system. The campus police can arrange assistance by the victim/witness coordinator and can also provide a handbook outlining what being a victim or witness can mean and the agencies available to assist in criminal justice procedures.

**General Security Procedures**

The JMU campus is well lighted and further improvements in campus lighting are continually being made, including the placement of high-intensity metal halide or sodium vapor lights on buildings, in parking lots, in areas with heavy landscaping and along sidewalks and pathways frequently traveled by students.

Lighting and shrubbery tours are conducted at least once a semester by representatives from all segments of the campus community, including student government representatives, staff from student affairs, facilities management and public safety. Safety and security concerns are identified and recommendations for improvements made. In addition, the university safety engineer makes regular safety and health inspections, serves as a liaison with public health and safety officials, schedules regular safety lectures and follows up on recommendations with locksmiths shop and facilities management personnel.

JMU students, faculty and staff have access to academic, recreational and administrative facilities on campus. The general public may attend cultural and recreational events on campus, with access limited to the facilities in which these events are scheduled.

The university’s trespass policy, enforced by university police and posted in all university housing, is as follows: Only those persons having legitimate business with James Madison University, members of the university community and their invited guests, are permitted in this building. The university reserves the right to exclude all persons not conforming to acceptable behavior from these premises.

Those who disregard this warning are to be considered in violation of criminal trespass (under cited Virginia code provisions) and are liable for prosecution. University police officers may serve verbal or written trespass notices on nonmembers of the university community present on campus at their discretion and may make immediate arrests of persons in secure areas for which they have no legitimate business. If a person served with a prior trespass notice reappears on campus, or if a person is found in a posted facility with no legitimate purpose in that building, he or she is subject to immediate arrest.

Firearms and dangerous weapons of any type are not permitted in the residence halls or other university facilities, except when carried by bona fide law enforcement officers within their jurisdictions. Intentional use, possession or sale of firearms or other dangerous weapons by students is strictly forbidden and is a violation of university policy as stated in the student handbook. Provisions for storage of firearms and other weapons such as hunting bows and arrows can be made with university police for short-term purposes, such as hunting off campus in approved areas. Strict sign-in and sign-out procedures are followed. The university community is kept aware of reported incidents on campus and in the nearby community through the semiweekly student newspaper, *The Breeze*. The police reporter from *The Breeze* meets with representatives from the university police, the Harrisonburg Police Department and the local court system prior to the printing of each issue to review all case activities since the previous issue.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, the Office of Public Safety may also post a notice on the campus-wide electronic bulletin board, providing the university community with more immediate notification. In such instances, a copy of the notice is posted in each residence hall, at the front door of each on-campus fraternity and sorority house, and in the Center for Off-Campus Living. The electronic bulletin board is immediately accessible via computer by all faculty, staff and students.

**Sexual Assault**

Prevention, intervention and education programs specifically addressing rape, acquaintance rape and other sexual offenses are regularly sponsored by a variety of organizations at JMU. The JMU Health Center, Sexual Assault Education Coordinator, Counseling and Student Development Center and Women’s Resource Center present programs throughout the year in classes, residence halls and student organizations. Programs on sexual assault occur at least once each semester in all residence halls and the topic is addressed at freshman orientation.

If a sexual offense should occur, the victim should take the following actions:

- Go to a safe place.
- Call the campus police if the incident occurred on campus; call the local police if it occurred off campus. The police will then contact the Counseling and Student Development Center.
- Contact a friend or family member.
- Do not bathe or douche.
- Do not urinate, if possible.
- Do not eat, drink liquids, smoke or brush teeth if oral contact took place.
- Keep the clothes worn during the offense. If clothes are changed, place clothes in a paper bag (evidence deteriorates in plastic).
- Get prompt medical attention.
- Do not destroy the physical evidence that may be found in the vicinity of the crime. If the crime occurred in the victim’s home, the victim should not clean or straighten until the police have had an opportunity to collect evidence.
- Tell someone all details remembered about the assault.
- Write down all details remembered as soon as possible.

Once an incident is reported to the Counseling and Student Development Center, a professional staff member will be assigned to work with the victim in deciding whether or not to pursue legal action and in connecting with local programs and agencies, such as Citizens Against Sexual Assault and the Victim/Witness Assistance Program. The treating professional will also assist the victim in making any necessary changes in academic program or living situation.

Depending on an incident, victims are encouraged to make a report to campus or local police. This action does not obligate prosecution, but it does make legal action possible if the decision to prosecute is made at a later date. The earlier an incident is reported, the easier it is to collect valuable evidence.

University judicial action, criminal prosecution and civil suit are all options available to victims of sexual assault. To begin university judicial action, the counselor, police or victim should contact...
the university judicial officer. During campus judicial proceedings, both the victim and the accused may be present and may have a counselor, attorney and/or adviser present to provide support and advice. Both the victim and the accused will be informed of the results of the proceeding. Sanctions for sexual assault may range up to and include suspension or expulsion from JMU.

Resources For Support and Assistance
JMU Counseling and Student Development Center .................................. 568-6552
JMU Health Center ........................................ 568-6177
Office of Sexual Assault and Substance Abuse Prevention ...................... 568-2831
JMU Campus Assault Response Emergency help line (CARE.) ..................... 568-6411
JMU Women’s Resource Center ........................................ 568-3407
JMU Office of Public Safety, Emergency 568-6911
Business 568-6913
JMU Judicial Office ........................................ 568-6218
Harrisonburg Police Department ........................................ 568-6945
Business 434-2545
Rockingham County Sheriff Emergency 911
Business 564-3800
Citizens Against Sexual Assault ........................................ 434-CASA

Crime Statistics
Since the mid-1970s, the JMU police department has submitted a report to the Virginia State Police’s Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program on a monthly basis. Crime statistics for the most recent three-year period, including incidents reported to the state police, are listed below. These statistics also reflect incidents reported to the Harrisonburg Police from off-campus affiliated organizations such as fraternities and the campus ministries (such off campus incidents are included in the Harrisonburg Police UCR’s but not the JMU Police UCR’s).

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1 Includes rape.
2 Most are non-forcible entries involving petty thefts.
3 Does not include arrests for driving under the influence and public intoxication.

The Individual’s Responsibility
Although JMU works hard to ensure the safety of all individuals within its community, students and employees themselves must take responsibility for their own personal safety and that of their personal belongings. Simple, common sense precautions are the most effective means of maintaining personal security.

For example, although the JMU campus is well lighted and may appear safe, students walking across campus or to parking lots at night, whether male or female, should utilize university cadet and police escort services. Students living in residence halls should keep their room doors locked at all times and should never prop open external doors. All guests in the halls should be escorted by a resident at all times. Any harassing or obscene phone calls should be reported to hall staff or university police at once.

All valuable personal property should be engraved with the owner's vehicle operator's permit number, using equipment provided through residence life or public safety. Bicycles should be registered with university police and secured with a good lock. Cars should be locked and parked in well-lighted areas with all valuable items locked in the trunk. Students and employees should notify university police or residence life staff of any individual present in a building or on campus who appears to have no legitimate business there or who arouses suspicion in any way.

Further information about campus safety can be obtained from the student affairs office at (540)568-6287 or from the director of public safety at (540) 568-6913 as well as the Public Safety web site www.jmu.edu/pubsafety/index.htm.

XIII. CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Preamble
Recognizing our responsibility to actively participate in the decision-making process, we the students of James Madison University do ordain and establish a Student Government Association which will promote the ideals of this university, ensure unity through diversity, become the student voice to the faculty and administration, inform, educate, serve and represent the ideas, opinions and concerns of this student body within the precepts of James Madison University's governance system.

Article I. General Association
All undergraduate degree-seeking students enrolled at James Madison University shall be members of the Student Government Association, and this said body shall vest its leadership in the Executive Council and the Student Senate.

Article II. Executive Council
The executive power of the Student Government Association will be vested in the Executive Council and shall be composed of the president, the vice president, the treasurer, the secretary and the director of class government.

Section 1: Executive Council
A. Meetings
1. The Executive Council shall meet at the discretion of the president or by petition of four members.
2. Two-thirds of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum.

B. Powers and Duties
1. They shall handle all administrative responsibilities of the Student Government Association and all other powers and duties granted to them by the administration.
2. They shall take care to see that all resolutions passed by the Student Senate and Executive Council be faithfully executed.
3. They shall either veto or approve, with the use of a line-item veto, all resolutions in whole from the Student Senate.
4. They shall be responsible for forwarding to the president of the university the names of students for appointment to university commissions and committees.
5. The Executive Council shall choose from its membership a member, and not necessarily the same one, to act as liaison between the Student Government Association and each of the following: Black Greek Caucus, Commuter Student Council, Inter-Hall Council, Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council.
6. They shall interview and select nominees for positions of stu-
Section 2: President

A. Eligibility
Any full-time student of James Madison University who, prior to the election date, has completed two full semesters at James Madison University and is in good academic standing shall be eligible for election as president of the Student Government Association.

B. Qualification
Once elected to the office, the president must maintain his/her academic good standing.

C. Powers and Duties
1. His/her duties shall include establishing Student Senate subcommittees, relaying student concerns to the James Madison University administration and coordinating all Student Government Association activities and inquiries.
2. He/she shall preside as chairperson of the Executive Council.
3. He/she shall give, at least monthly, a report to the Student Senate which will outline issues facing the student body.
4. He/she shall oversee minor campus elections.

Section 3: Vice President

A. Eligibility
Any full-time student of James Madison University who, prior to the appointment date, has completed one full semester at James Madison University and is in good standing shall be eligible for appointment as director of class government by present-day executive council and the executive council elect.

B. Qualification
Once appointed to office, the director of class government must maintain his/her academic good standing.

C. Powers and Duties
1. Oversee the class officers of each class.
2. Be a nonvoting consultant of the executive council.
3. Report issues brought up in class council to the senate.
4. Meet with class presidents to decide on goals and objectives for each class.
5. Organize class elections.
6. Conduct informational meetings for those interested in running for class officers.
7. The director of class government shall come up with class officer rules for the class government. These rules must be passed by a majority of the class officers.

Article III. Student Senate
All legislative functions concerning student government affairs will be vested in the Student Senate of the Student Government Association.

Section 1: Membership
A. The Student Senate shall be composed of campus, off-campus and Greek housing representatives, and at-large senators.
B. The chairperson pro tempore of the Student Government Association shall be chairperson of the Student Senate and shall preside over all meetings. The chairperson of the Student Senate shall have no vote except in the case of a tie vote.

Section 2: Eligibility
Any degree-seeking student at James Madison University in good standing and taking at least 12 semester hours shall be eligible for election as senator.
Section 3: Qualification
   Once elected to the office, the senator must maintain his/her academic good standing.

Section 4: Powers and Duties
   A. He/she is urged to attend all senate meetings.
   B. He/she shall attend respective committee meetings.
   C. He/she shall abide by the house rules as approved at the beginning of each academic year.
   D. Each senator shall serve on at least one Student Senate committee.
   E. Each senator shall be a voting member of his/her respective hall council and should act as a liaison between these groups and the Student Government Association.

Section 5: Meetings
   A. Meetings shall be conducted on a weekly basis with the exception of holidays.
   B. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the chairperson pro tempore or by petition of the majority of the membership.
   C. Two-thirds of the Student Senate membership shall constitute a quorum.
   D. In executive session, only senators, executive council members, parliamentarians, advisers and others that the assembly or its role may determine to be necessary will be allowed to remain in the hall.

Section 6: Chairperson Pro Tempore
   A. Eligibility
      Any full-time student of James Madison University who, prior to the election date, has completed one full semester at James Madison University and is in good standing, and is a member of the Student Senate, shall be eligible for election as the chairperson pro tempore of the Student Senate. The chairperson pro tempore shall be elected by a majority vote of the senate at the second meeting of the year.
   B. Qualification
      Once elected to the office, the chairperson pro tempore must maintain his/her academic good standing.
   C. Powers and Duties
      1. The chairperson pro tempore shall serve as the chairperson of the Student Senate.
      2. He/she shall appoint the Campus Elections Committee, contingent upon internal affairs and senate approval. If the chairperson pro tempore should decide to run for office for the following year, the elections shall be appointed by the Internal Affairs Committee, with Executive Council and Senate approval.
      3. The chairperson pro tempore shall give monthly reports to the Student Senate, which shall evaluate the work of the Student Senate committees.
      4. The chairperson pro tempore shall be responsible for requisitioning a hall in which to hold the weekly Student Senate meetings.
      5. The chairperson pro tempore, along with the Executive Council, shall appoint student representatives.
      6. The chairperson pro tempore shall attend all Executive Council meetings, and shall serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member, except in the instance of a tie. This vote should reflect the voice of the Student Senate.

Article IV. Class Government
   The class government shall be composed of a president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary for each of the four respective classes. Class councils shall serve as organizing bodies for class activities and shall be composed of all of the members of the particular class that it represents.

Section 1: Class Officers
   A. Eligibility
      Any full-time, undergraduate student of James Madison University may be elected to a class officer position for his/her respective class.
   B. Duties of the Class President
      1. Preside over and plan class council meetings.
      2. Serve as the representative of his/her respective class at all functions that require attendance.
      3. Coordinate all activities and functions within the respective class.
      4. Represent class views by becoming a voting senator at-large and may draft bills from their respective class regarding issues directly affecting them.
      5. Report activities of class council to senate on a periodic basis.
   C. Duties of the Vice president
      1. Preside over class council meetings in president's absence.
      2. Assume the office of president if that officer vacates the office.
      3. Assist the president in the planning and facilitation of class activities.
      4. Serve as student representative.
      5. Must sit on at least one senate committee.
   D. Duties of Secretary
      1. Keep an accurate attendance record of class council meetings.
      2. Record the minutes of class council meetings.
      3. Post a copy of the minutes in the SGA office.
      4. Handle all correspondence.
   E. Duties of the Treasurer
      1. Handle all monetary transactions and keep accurate record of all transactions for the respective classes.
      2. Give spending reports to the DCG and SGA treasurer.

Article V. Disciplinary Procedures

Section 1: Grounds for Impeachment
   A. Executive Council Officers and Senators
      1. Executive Council officers and senators may be impeached for not meeting the eligibility requirements, qualifications, and/or powers and duties stipulated in the constitution and/or bylaws.
      2. Executive Council officers and senators may also be impeached for neglect of duty of that office stipulated by house rules.
   B. Appointed Officials
      1. Appointed officials not otherwise mentioned in the constitution may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Senate without impeachment proceedings.
      2. Appointed officials may be removed from office for not meeting the eligibility requirements, qualifications, and/or powers and duties stipulated in the constitution and/or bylaws.
   C. Class Officers
      1. Class officers may be removed from office for neglect of duty as stated in the SGA Constitution and/or class officer rules.
      2. Class officers may be removed from office after an impeachment committee meets to hear the case and a majority of the impeachment committee votes to remove said officer from office.
      3. The impeachment committee shall be formed of eight members of the Class Council selected randomly by the director of class government. The DCG shall not vote except in the case of a tie.

Section 2: Removal From Office
   A. Executive Council officers, senators and the chairperson pro tempore shall be removed from office following a guilty verdict at an impeachment trial.
   B. Procedures
      1. Investigation and Preliminaries to the Trial
         a. To begin impeachment proceedings against any Executive Council officer, senator or chairperson pro tempore, a motion to begin an investigation must originate in the Student Senate and must carry a majority vote. If said motion is directed at the presiding officer, he/she must vacate the chair in favor of the next officer in the order of succession.
Article VI. Parliamentarian

Section 1: Eligibility
Any degree-seeking student enrolled at James Madison University in good standing shall be eligible for appointment as Student Government Association parliamentarian. The parliamentarian shall not be a member of the Executive Council nor the Student Senate.

Section 2: Qualification
Once appointed to the office, the parliamentarian must maintain his/her academic good standing.

Section 3: Selection
The Executive Council, along with the chairperson pro tempore of the Student Senate, shall interview and select a nominee for the position of parliamentarian for Student Senate approval within one week after the senate convenes.

Section 4: Powers and Duties
1. He/she shall be responsible for seeing that all meetings of the Student Government Association are conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
2. He/she shall conduct parliamentary workshops at the beginning of each semester.
3. He/she shall rule on the constitutionality of all issues that might arise during the Student Government Association meetings.
4. He/she shall be responsible for making constitutional changes passed by the Student Senate and the Executive Council.

Article VII. Student Representative

Section 1: Eligibility
Any degree-seeking undergraduate student enrolled at James Madison University in good standing shall be eligible for the position of student representative of the Student Government Association. A student representative shall not be a member of the Internet and the World Wide Web system shall be eligible for appointment as Student Government Association webmaster. The webmaster shall not be a member of the executive council.

Section 2: Qualifications

Section 3: Selection
The Executive Council shall interview and select a nominee for the position of webmaster for the Student Senate approval within one week after the senate convenes.

Section 4: Duties and Powers
A. He/she shall attend respective committee meetings.
B. He/she shall abide by the house rules for student representatives.
C. Each student representative shall act as liaison between the Student Government Association and the James Madison University community.

Article VIII. Webmaster

Section 1: Eligibility
Any degree-seeking student enrolled at James Madison University in good standing shall be eligible for appointment as Student Government Association webmaster. The webmaster shall not be a member of the executive council.

Section 2: Qualifications
Once appointed to the office, the webmaster must maintain his/her academic good standing.

Section 3: Selection
The Executive Council shall interview and select a nominee for the position of webmaster for the Student Senate approval within one week after the senate convenes.

Section 4: Duties and Powers
A. He/she shall attend respective committee meetings.
B. He/she shall abide by the house rules for student representatives.
C. Each student representative shall act as liaison between the Student Government Association and the James Madison University community.
Section 2: Rules

A. Major Election Rules
1. Governing Body
   The Campus Elections Committee shall have complete authority over all issues concerning major elections, pending appeals.
2. Eligibility
   Students who are potential candidates are asked to look in the Student Government Association Constitution for eligibility requirements.
3. Appeals
   • All appeals must be presented in writing to the chairperson of the Campus Elections Committee within 24 hours after the official announcement of results.
   • The decision of the Campus Elections Committee to either accept or deny the appeal may be appealed to the Elections Appeals Committee.
   • The Elections Appeals Committee shall consist of the SGA president, the Honor Council president, one SGA member selected by the SGA president, one Honor Council member selected by the Honor Council president, the director of the University Center, the faculty adviser to the SGA and one at-large student picked by the SGA president and Honor Council president.
   • If either the SGA president or the Honor Council president are seeking election, the SGA adviser will appoint an alternate student to represent them and the SGA and Honor Council members that the Presidents would have appointed. That (those) appointments is (are) subject to approval by the remaining Elections Appeals Committee members.

B. Minor Election Rules
1. Governing Body
   The president shall resolve all issues involving minor elections, pending appeals.
2. Eligibility
   Students who are potential candidates are asked to look in the Student Government Association Constitution for eligibility requirements.
3. Appeals
   • All appeals must be presented in writing to the president within 24 hours after the official announcement of results.
   • The decision of the president to accept or deny the appeal may be appealed to the Elections Appeals Committee.

C. Run-Off Election
1. Major
   • When a candidate fails to receive a majority of votes in a major election, a run-off will be held within one week after the major election between the two candidates with the most votes.
   • The Campus Elections Committee has complete authority over all issues involving this election.
2. Minor
   • Only in the case of a tie of the top two candidates will a run-off in a minor election be held.
   • The president shall resolve all issues involving this election.

D. Fall Senate Elections
1. Governing Body
   a. The Fall Elections Committee shall have complete authority over all issues concerning major elections, pending appeals.
2. Eligibility
   a. Students who are potential candidates are asked to look in the Student Government Association Constitution for eligibility requirements.
3. Appeals
   a. All appeals must be presented in writing to the chairperson of the Fall Senate Elections Committee within twenty-four (24) hours after the official announcement of results.
   b. The decision of the Fall Senate Elections Committee to either accept or deny the appeal may be appealed to the Fall Senate Elections Appeals Committee.
4. The Fall Senate Elections Committee shall consist of the SGA President, the Honor Council President, one SGA member selected by the SGA President, one Honor Council member selected by the Honor Council President, the Faculty Advisor to the SGA and one at large student picked by the SGA President and Honor Council President.
5. Rules
   a. All rules and regulations governing this election and all the procedures there in shall be found in the Fall Senate Election Rules Document.

E. Special Elections
1. In case the president of the Student Government Association vacates his/her office, the vice president of the Student Government Association shall temporarily fill the office of president until a special election is held within two weeks.
2. If a present executive officer desires to run for the office of president and does not receive a majority of the votes, he/she may return to his/her present office.
3. If any other officer of the Student Government Association vacates his/her office, a temporary officer shall be appointed by the Executive Council, after which there will be an election of a permanent officer by the student body within two weeks.
4. If for any reason a vacancy occurs in the position of senator from a residence hall or commuting organization, the chairperson pro-tempore shall designate how a replacement will be selected. A replacement will be selected within two weeks. If for any reason a replacement is not found within the specified time, the Campus Elections Committee shall have the power to appoint the senator.

Article II. Senate Membership
Senators shall be elected as follows:
A. On campus senators shall be elected from within their respective halls as follows:
   1. One senator shall be elected from each Bluestone, Village and Hillside residence hall.
   2. One senator shall be elected from Chandler hall and Shorts hall.
   3. Two senators shall be elected from Eagle hall.
   4. Four senators shall be elected from Greek Housing. They shall equally divide the houses on Greek Row amongst themselves; making each Greek senator the specific liaison to the SGA from the houses they represent, while also representing the Row as a whole.
   4. One senator shall be elected from Howard Johnson's.
B. Off campus senators shall be elected from each the Colleges within the University as follows:
   1. The number of total senators elected from within the Colleges shall be equivalent to the proportion of on-campus senators to on-campus students. Each College shall have a number of senators in proportion to the number of students within that College.
   2. All elections shall fall under the Fall Senate Election Rules as defined by the Bylaws and in the Fall Senate Election Document.

Article III. Senate Committees
Section 1: Organization
1. The chairperson pro tempore is responsible for seeing that senators are appointed to the senate committees.
2. The membership of the senate committees shall be left to the discretion of the senate chairperson pro tempore.

Section 2: Chairpersonship
A. The chairperson of each committee shall be appointed by the chairperson pro tempore.
B. Responsibilities
Section 3: Committee Operations
A. Each committee must, within three weeks of the time that a proposal is sent to that committee, act upon the proposal in a definite manner. If more time is needed to complete study of the measure, the committee may petition the chairperson pro tempore for additional time.
B. Each committee chairperson, upon a two-thirds vote of the committee and a majority vote of the Executive Council, has the authority to remove a member from his/her committee. This authority is to be granted by the Executive Council on a case-by-case basis.
C. Two-thirds of a committee’s membership may petition the Executive Council and chairperson pro tempore to remove a committee chairperson.

Section 4: Meetings
A. Committees shall meet at the discretion of the chairperson of the committee.
B. A majority of the membership must be present at all meetings.

Section 5: Vacancies
A. When a vacancy occurs in the chairpersonship of a committee, the chairperson pro tempore shall appoint a replacement. The replacement shall be confirmed by a majority of the members on the committee at the time of replacement.
B. When a senator is replaced in the Student Senate, he/she shall assume membership on all committees held by that senator.

Section 6: Senate Standing Committees
A. Internal Affairs Committee
   This committee shall be responsible for establishing house rules, contingent upon senate approval and shall undertake all matters concerning the internal operation of the Student Government Association. This committee shall also be responsible for all matters concerning the revision of the constitution.
   A copy of all bills of action (proposals) shall be sent to the Internal Affairs Committee, which will be responsible for ensuring that action is taken on each bill.

B. Food Service Advisory Committee
   1. Matters concerning the food services operation shall be assigned to this committee.
   2. This committee is responsible for seeing that there is a direct line of communication between students and the dining hall staff.

C. Curriculum and Instruction Committee
   Matters concerning academic policy shall be assigned to this committee.

D. Buildings and Grounds Committee
   Matters concerning the physical property and planning and development shall be assigned to this committee.

E. Student Services Committee
   1. Matters concerning nonacademic areas of student concern shall be assigned to this committee.
   2. The membership of the special advisory committees (post office, retail services, JAC and Mr. Chips) shall be comprised of, but not limited to, several or all of the members of the Student Services Committee.

F. Communication and Public Relations Committee
   Matters concerning the interaction between the Student Government Association and the student body shall be assigned to this committee.

G. Multicultural Awareness Committee
   1. Matters concerning multicultural issues shall be assigned to this committee.
   2. This committee is responsible for seeing that there is extra emphasis and attention paid to issues that concern the JMU community diversity and differences.

Article IV. Student Government Association Committees

Section 1: Finance Committee
A. The membership of this committee shall consist of: two College elected senators, two residence hall senators, three students selected at large and the budget manager of the University Center who will serve in a non-voting advisory capacity. The treasurer of the Student Government Association shall be an ex-officio member of this committee. The students of this committee shall be appointed by the president of the Student Government Association and the chairperson pro-tempore of the Student Senate.
B. The chairperson of this committee shall be elected from the membership thereof. If there is a vacancy in the chair, the committee shall elect a new chairperson among its members.
C. Two-thirds of the membership shall constitute a quorum.
D. This committee shall follow Article III of these bylaws, except for portions dealing with membership, chairpersonship and quorum.
E. Finance matters concerning the financing of Student Government Association shall be assigned to this committee and voted on by the committee and Student Senate in a way consistent with the already determined criteria, which shall be read as follows:
   • Each group must be a recognized JMU organization and be chartered with a constitution and in good standing with Student Organization Services. Organizations less than four months old are not eligible for contingency account funding.
   • Each group’s request must be read as a proposal in the SGA and receive a “second” by a senator. Before submittal of any proposal, the requester must meet with a member of senate. The proposal will then be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation. The requesting group will be notified of the finance meeting time by the chairperson of the Finance Committee.
   • During the spring semester, any organization seeking funds shall submit its request to the senate at least two weeks prior to spring break. Only emergency requests will be considered after this date and emergency status will be determined by the SGA Executive Council.
   • The request must be typed and it must itemize exactly where and how the funding will be disbursed. This itemization must be signed by the president and the treasurer of the organization.
   • Each group must complete a disclosure of all its revenue and expenditures for the year’s operation, in budget form. Reasoning for each request should be clear, precise and display accurate accounting principles.
   • The group’s request should be presented, in person, to the SGA Finance Committee. A copy of the group’s yearly budget and specific request must be supplied to each committee member.
   • The membership requirements and functions for each organization must be presented to the committee.
   • All other avenues of funding should be exhausted before SGA funds are requested.
   • Each group must estimate how many JMU students can directly and indirectly benefit from its organization’s endeavor.
   • The SGA may set a limit both in frequency and level of
requests it will consider from any one organization. The level of request has thus been set at $4,000.

- Loans will not be approved.
- No funds will be approved for revenue-generating events.
- The SGA Finance Committee may approve, deny or table any request.
- The SGA Finance Committee will report its decisions to the SGA Senate.
- A representative of the organization requesting funds should attend the SGA meeting to be present during the discussion and answer any additional questions required by the senate. The SGA Senate shall discuss and vote in favor, against or amend the Finance Committee's funding decision.
- All equipment purchased by contingency account funds is the property of the SGA; arrangements for storage and reallocation of the equipment should be arranged through SGA at the end of the academic year.
- The SGA Executive Council will accept or reject the senate's decision. If approved, the organization's treasurer must report to the SGA treasurer to receive funds. If not approved, the request can be resubmitted to the senate. A two-thirds vote is required to override the Executive Council veto.
- The SGA Finance Committee will review requests on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- No funding for any food and/or dietary requests of organizations will be granted.
- Request for off-campus activities will be subject to strict review and must show a direct beneficial impact to a substantial portion of the JMU student body through intellectual, cultural and social growth.
- Request for conventions, seminars, retreats, etc. are limited to registration fees or a portion thereof.
- No direct contribution to a charitable or noncharitable group (ex: honorariums) will be given consideration.
- Any organization that receives funds from SGA must return a recapitulation sheet to the Finance Committee no later than one week after the money is used. Any organization failing to do so will be ineligible to receive any further funding until they do so.
- The aforementioned criteria may be dispossessed only by the Finance Committee chairperson and/or SGA treasurer.

E. The committee will hold budget hearings for all recognized student groups seeking funds in the spring of the year.

Section 2: Campus Elections Committee
A. All major Student Government Association elections shall be held by the Campus Elections Committee. The Campus Elections Committee shall handle any minor elections in the event of no returning hall council president.
B. The chairperson of the Campus Elections Committee shall be elected from the committee thereof. If there is a vacancy in the chair, the committee shall elect a new chairperson from among its members.
C. The Campus Elections Committee shall be composed of at least two commuter senators and at least two residence hall senators with a total membership of at least seven, to be appointed by the chairperson pro tempore, contingent upon the Internal Affairs Committee and senate approval.
D. The Campus Elections Committee shall have complete authority over all issues involving major elections.
E. The Campus Elections Committee shall compile a list of procedures and guidelines to be used by future Campus Elections Committees and to be placed on file in the Student Government Association office.
F. The Campus Elections Committee shall complete and make available the procedures and guidelines for major Student Government Association elections by the last Tuesday before spring break.

Section 3: Legislative Action Committee
A. The membership of this committee shall consist of a maximum of 15 members, consisting of at least six senators, at least four student representatives, and the committee chairperson.
B. The chairperson of this committee shall be elected by the com-

mittee as a whole.

- The chairperson shall report to the Student Senate and the Executive Council all activities of the committee.
- The chairperson shall serve as the Student Government Association representative to the Virginia Student Association.
- The chairperson shall also represent the Student Government Association, contingent upon the approval of the Student Senate and the Executive Council, to other organizations concerning matters relevant to the James Madison University population.

C. Responsibilities
- By the last senate meeting of October, this committee shall submit a lobbying agenda in resolution form to the Student Senate for approval. The lobbying agenda shall consist of student concerns and it shall be the function of the committee to lobby on these goals.
- This committee shall formulate policies concerning students who attend Virginia colleges generally. The policies shall be pursued in the Student Association of Virginia or other appropriate organizations.
- This committee shall monitor the votes of delegates on issues of interest to students who attend Virginia schools generally.
- This committee shall, contingent upon approval by the Student Senate and Executive Council, lobby delegates to support or oppose legislation concerning James Madison University students in particular or Virginia students in general as specifically charged by the senate.
- Any lobbying activities shall be carried on exclusively by the members of the committee or any additional persons selected by the committee with the approval of the Executive Council.
- These members shall be formerly charged with the lobbying task at the Student Senate meeting prior to the date of lobbying.
- The mandate of the James Madison University student body shall not be deviated from after the senate has charged the lobbying task.
- The Legislative Action Committee shall take appropriate action to ascertain the sentiment of the entire student body concerning the issue at hand.
- The Student Government Association secretary shall be charged with notifying in writing the president, executive assistant to the president, and executive vice president for administration and finance of the specific proposal to be lobbied. This must be done before any formal lobbying is conducted by the committee.

Article V. Student Government Association Chartered Organizations

Section 1: Inter-Hall Council
A. The Inter-Hall Council shall consist of all individuals hall council presidents. The Executive Council liaison for Inter-Hall Council shall be an ex officio member of the committee.
B. The Inter-Hall Council shall be responsible to study problems common to the resident student and to make recommendations to the hall councils, Executive Council and Student Senate.

Article VI. Approval of Student Fees
A. In the spring of the year, there will be a meeting of the controller, director of the University Center, vice president of student affairs, president of the Student Government Association, treasurer of the Student Government Association and chairperson of the Student Government Association Finance Committee to project the total amount of student fees available for the following year and to discuss general philosophy and percentage allocations. Discussion with the president of the university regarding these items will take place as necessary.
B. The Finance Committee of the Student Government Association will hold budget hearings for all recognized student groups seeking funds.
C. The Finance Committee of the Student Government Association will draft budget recommendations when the budget hearings are
completed for presentation to the Student Senate and Executive Council. The Advisory Committee as per A supports the funding policy of the Student Government Association. The philosophy states the Student Government Association grants priority funding of the University Program Board, The Breeze, Bluestone, Honor Council and the Student Government Association operating and contingency funds. In addition, the philosophy includes the funding of recognized student organizations whose projects as nearly as possible benefit the entire student population.

**Article VII. Salaries**

**Section 1: Payment Policy**

All elected and appointed officials shall at stated times receive for his/her services an undergraduate scholarship which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period which they shall have been elected.

**Section 2: Executive Council**

A. All elected executive council officials shall receive an amount equal to half in-state tuition per semester.

B. Additional Stipend

- The president shall receive an annual stipend of $1,000.
- The vice president shall receive an annual stipend of $800.
- The treasurer shall receive an annual stipend of $700.
- The secretary shall receive an annual stipend of $600.
- The director of class government shall receive an annual scholarship of $1,300.

**Section 3: Other Salaries**

A. The chairperson pro tempore shall receive an annual scholarship of $1,000.
B. The parliamentarian shall receive an annual scholarship of $250.
C. The student judicial coordinator shall receive an annual scholarship of $900.
D. The SGA Booksale chair (fall/spring) shall receive an annual scholarship of $150.
E. The SGA Major Elections chair shall receive a scholarship of $150.
F. The class presidents shall receive an annual scholarship of $150.
G. The webmaster shall receive an annual scholarship of $400.
H. The Student Senate, with approval of the Executive Council, may grant salaries to other deserving positions.

**Article VIII. Procedure**

**Section 1: Parliamentary**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the meetings of the association in all cases in which they are consistent with the constitution and bylaws of the association.

**Section 2: Legislative**

A. All legislative procedures shall be decided upon by the parliamentarian and the chairperson pro tempore.
B. All Executive Council decisions can be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Student Senate.

**Section 3: Bills of Opinion**

A. Bills of Opinion are resolutions that are to reflect the opinion of the student body on any given issue.
B. All Bills of Opinion must be accompanied with the signatures of 200 full-time undergraduate students before being presented to the Student Senate.
C. All Bills of Opinion, after being presented before the senate, shall be posted one week before receiving action unless two-thirds of the senate votes for immediate consideration.
D. All Bills of Opinion must pass by a majority vote.
E. If a Bill of Opinion should be amended by the senate, the amended bill must be accompanied with the signatures of 200 full-time undergraduate students and be posted for one week before receiving consideration by the Student Senate.

**Article IX. Amendments**

The bylaws may be amended or revised by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the association present at the meeting held for that purpose. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the Student Senate and the Executive Council for their approval and then posted at least one week before being voted on by the association. On approval by the vice president of student affairs, said amendments shall become part of the bylaws.

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