

University of Saskatchewan
Summary of
Space Allocation and Management Policies

- 1) The Room Scheduling Office, a unit within Facilities Management Division, is primarily responsible for booking classrooms, lecture theatres, seminar rooms, lounges and outside spaces. All requests for space, regardless if the event is to be held inside or outside, should be directed to the Room Scheduling Office. All events in the evenings and weekends, regardless of the building need to be formally booked with the Room Scheduling Office. Formally booking the space will allow the Room Scheduling staff an opportunity to provide the client with information on general space use guidelines and on matters related to liability insurance requirements. Information on room capacities and space rental rates are also available from the Room Scheduling Office. Excluded are the athletic and recreational spaces, which are controlled by the College of Kinesiology. Buildings will be opened and closed by (Custodial/Security) at the hours as determined by the designated head.

- 2) The Room Scheduling Office will assign spaces in the following priority order (see Glossary of Terms):
 - a) Academic Departments, Centre for Continuing & Distance Education (CCDE) and Student Enrolment Services (SESD) - for academic program needs.
 - b) Administrative departments - groups and functions authorized by the University of Saskatchewan Students Union (USSU).
 - c) Conferences authorized by Culinary Services - a space rental fee, one-half of the full rental rates, will be applied (see item # 7, Rental Rates). The fees received for space rental are to be paid to Facilities Management.
 - d) Non-University organizations - Authorization is required and a space rental fee at full rate will be applied (see Authorization - Glossary of Terms and item # 7, Rental Rates). The fees received for space rental are to be paid to Facilities Management.

- 3) As recommended by the Capital Planning Committee and approved by Council in 1981, guidelines used for the timetabling and scheduling of academic activities for winter session are summarized as follows:

- a) The Room Scheduling Office is responsible for scheduling 170 classroom and theatre spaces in the ' University classroom pool' (151 classroom/seminar rooms and 19 lecture theatres). This excludes classrooms in St. Thomas More, Theological Colleges and the Royal University Hospital. The 'classroom pool' represents all of the spaces that are for the general use of the University. Colleges/Departments do not control the classroom spaces but they may have priority use provided that they are being effectively utilized in terms of room usage and seat utilization.
- b) Room assignments are made on the basis of need rather than historical arrangements. Room Scheduling assesses the demand for space as compared to the space utilization when allocating space.
- c) Convenience and a maximum travel time of ten minutes between classes are aspects that the Room Scheduling Office will give attention to when assigning classrooms.
- d) All colleges and departments establish their own timetables, build and maintain their own course files in SIRIUS (software used as a repository for class data). SIRIUS software is managed by SESD. Information on the deadlines for the submission of the timetables is available through the SESD website. Timetabling assistance, with the aid of computerized software, is available in Space Planning for those that require assistance.
- e) The timetables of all colleges and departments are to follow the same class pattern in order to maximize the effective use of space. The basic pattern of one-hour classes on Monday, Wednesday & Friday and one-and-a-half hour classes on Tuesday & Thursday will be maintained.

NOTE – In the current space policy (AC 70-05, page 2), there are exceptions to this policy which make the operation of room scheduling more difficult, and the utilization of space less efficient because of the current conditions being allowed for acceptance of non-standard class patterns:

- A longer consecutive period is required.

- The college/department involved can ‘dovetail’ non-standard modules so as to ensure that unusable intervals of time do not occur.
 - The non-standard modules do not cause time conflicts with other departments or colleges employing the standard modules.
- f) The minimum standards for determining if a classroom or lecture theatre is being effectively used are 30 hrs per week of room usage with 60% seat utilization.
- 4) Examinations – All University facilities, including gymnasias, suitable for examination use will be under the control of the Room Scheduling Office for the purpose of room scheduling during the examination period. Colleges and Departments will be consulted for the requested use of laboratory and other non-classroom spaces that may also be needed for examination purposes.
- 5) Opening & Closing of Buildings - Custodial staff are responsible for the opening and closing of buildings when staff members are on duty in the buildings. When they are not on duty and buildings are required to be opened and closed, this becomes the responsibility of Protective Services. The Custodial Manager will provide Protective Services with a schedule outlining the buildings and when custodians are available to provide the service.
- 6) Serving of Alcoholic Beverages – Use of alcoholic beverages is limited to specific locations on campus. In Facilities Management Division, the Manager of Room Scheduling is responsible for the approval of non-student liquor functions on campus. The Room Scheduling Office will centrally administer requests and authorize the use of University facilities in accordance with the guidelines specified by the Saskatchewan Liquor & Gaming Authority, procedures for liquor functions on University of Saskatchewan property and liability insurance requirements.

Non university organizations are required to provide proof of liability insurance coverage prior to hosting the event where liquor is to be served. The insurance policy must provide a minimum of \$5 million liability coverage and extended coverage to the University of

Saskatchewan as an “additional insured” with respect to operations of the group.

The Manager of Room Scheduling is also responsible for determining the suitability of spaces to be authorized for liquor functions.

The University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union authorizes student liquor functions.

7) Space Rental Rates * (being reviewed)

Room Capacity	Rental \$/hr	Daily Rate (8 hrs/day)
<40	8.00	64.00
41 – 80	15.00	120.00
81 – 150	25.00	200.00
151 – 350	35.00	280.00

Rates do not include the costs of services (e.g. electrical, grounds, materials handling and custodial) if they are required to accommodate an event.

For room capacities, go to the Classroom Listing heading, which is included on the Facilities.usask.ca webpage. Excluded are the athletic and recreational spaces, which are controlled by the College of Kinesiology, when the intended use is athletic in nature.

- 8) Weddings – Requests for the use of facilities in which to hold wedding ceremonies are to be made to the Room Scheduling Office. Because the priority scheduling use of University facilities is for academic purposes, the availability of their use for wedding activities is limited. Requests for the use of University space will not be accepted more than twelve months prior to the date of the event. Late May to the end of August is considered to be the time when there is flexibility to reserve campus facilities and therefore, requests outside of this time frame will be restricted. The scheduled event will be accommodated during the operating hours of the building.

There may be costs involved, depending on the services required. The Room Scheduling Office will provide contact information related to other service providers on campus. Confetti or similar type of material

is not permitted at the wedding function. All fire exit locations and public corridors must remain accessible during the wedding ceremony.

Requests for the use of space for outdoor weddings will only be accepted through one of the campus food service providers (Marquis Hall, University Club or Louis'.)

- 9) **Filming** - The Office of Communications gives approval for filming by film companies at the University of Saskatchewan. The Room Scheduling Office is then notified by Communications to make the necessary arrangements for the use of University facilities according to the 'conditions for filming/videotaping/photographing'. A minimum of five working days is required as well as a Certificate of Liability Insurance (see #11 above) and a 50% site fee deposit of the total site fee before the event is actually scheduled. Additional costs for services such as electrical, grounds and parking, as determined by Facilities Management and Parking and Transportation Services will also be recovered from the film company. Room Scheduling will be responsible for the collection of these fees, which are to be paid to Facilities Management.
- 10) **Grounds** - The types of use and services required to accommodate events on University grounds are approved and coordinated by Facilities Management Division – Room Scheduling Office and Grounds. The Room Scheduling Office, in consultation with Grounds, assigns the use of University grounds, with the exception of athletic areas (see # 15, Athletic Facilities). Costs associated with providing services for the event are to be paid to Facilities Management.
- 11) **Outdoor Spaces** – A request to use an outdoor area for a purpose, other than its intended use, is to be sent to the Room Scheduling Office. The Room Scheduling Office will review the request and consult with FMD Grounds; with the College of Kinesiology or Parking and Transportation Services if applicable, before approval for space is given.
- 12) **Food** – In Facilities Management Division, the Manager of Room Scheduling is responsible for the approval of functions and spaces at which food is sold, offered for sale or displayed as these functions

may be considered itinerant eating establishments and are subject to the regulations of the University and the Saskatoon Health Region. The serving of food is limited to specific locations. Food and drink are not permitted in spaces normally used for teaching. This applies to all functions and spaces except those held at the University Club, Food Services (Marquis Hall & cafeterias) or in USSU facilities.

- 13) Use of Public Corridors/Ramps/Stairs – The placement of items in public corridors, hallways, vestibules and other open areas within buildings must follow the guidelines available through Room Scheduling.
- 14) Posters – All posters are to be restricted to bulletin boards or surface areas as approved by Facilities Management Division. All posters must first be authorized and stamped by an authorized college representative. Any material posted on any other surface will be removed.
- 15) Coverage by Custodial Staff – The University provides sufficient custodial staff to cover its interests for all activities occurring during, or after operating hours. The client may be charged, at current labor rates, for the number of University staff required to set-up and take-down or remove furnishings, to clean the facility after a function. An additional charge may be levied against the client whenever damages or unusual wear and tear result from the activity. If, at the time the booking is made, it is apparent that custodial/materials handling charges will be incurred, a CFOPAL number will be required before a booking will be confirmed.
- 16) Allocation of campus facilities for commercial purposes, or private businesses, is only permitted with the approval of the Vice-President (Finance & Resources), or designate in Corporate Administration. Before the space is allocated, the user is also required to obtain liability insurance for the duration of the space use and the amount of coverage is determined by Risk Management. In addition, arrangements and fees for the use of any services and equipment from Equipment Services, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), also need to be confirmed as part of the agreement.

For use of any University space by an external group (even if a staff member belongs to this group), a request must be submitted to Room Scheduling Office. An insurance certificate is required (submitted to Room Scheduling Office). Charges will apply for the use of the space.

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