# LOWMAN STUDENT CENTER OPERATIONS POLICY

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I. GENERAL OPERATIONS POLICY

Sam Houston State University students, faculty, staff, alumni, and their guests are eligible to use the facilities of the Lowman Student Center (LSC). All use must be conducted in accordance with local, state, and federal law and in accordance with applicable rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the Texas State University System and Sam Houston State University. Use will not disrupt or disturb an academic or University program and will not result in damage or defacement of any facilities of the LSC. Persons using the LSC facilities will abide by the LSC Operations Policy and all other campus policies, procedures, rules, and regulations.

Operation Hours

Regular building operational hours for the LSC are:

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1. Hours will vary during University holidays, University closings, and semester breaks.

2. A request to extend the regular building hours must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event and be approved by the Director of the LSC.

3. Building opening may not be prior to 6:00 a.m. and all activities before 7:30 a.m. must be approved by the LSC Director.
4. Activities must conclude 30 minutes prior to the agreed late closing time to allow participants
time to vacate the facility and the building to be secured. All events must conclude by 1:00
a.m. and the building must be vacated and secured by 1:30 a.m. (Exceptions may be made on
a case by case basis).

**Policy**

A. Furnishings and equipment of the LSC are not to be removed from the building for any reason.

B. Improper use of furniture, fixtures, or equipment is not permitted. Individuals or groups using
LSC facilities are responsible for the behavior of their guests and any damages to LSC property
due to their negligence or vandalism. Damage costs will be assessed to the individual or group
who reserved the facility.

C. Individuals or groups using the LSC facilities must leave the rooms in a condition comparable to
that found before the time of occupancy.

D. Safety of the guests in the facility is our number one priority. At no time may doors, fire exits,
foot traffic paths, hallways or elevators be blocked or restricted by events or the set up for events.

E. Any physical changes to an area must be approved by the LSC Director. Any unauthorized
alterations will be corrected at the expense of the organization or individual using the facility
according to the current LSC Fee Schedule.

F. Animals or pets of any kind are NOT permitted in the LSC at any time unless approved by the
LSC Director. An exception to this policy is service animals for individuals with a disability or
animals used in law enforcement.

G. The use of all tobacco products and e-cigarettes is prohibited.

H. Gambling is prohibited.

I. Possession or use of intoxicating beverages is not permitted at any time except as provided for in
the section on Alcoholic Beverages (LSC Operations Policy, Section V).

J. Bicycles, skateboards, and roller skates/blades are prohibited inside the building.

K. Bicycles should be parked in bicycle racks outside and adjacent to the LSC. Bicycles found
attached to hand rails, parked on porches or inside the LSC are subject to impoundment.

L. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

M. No classes, lectures, labs, or any type of “class for credit” will be scheduled unless approved by
the Director of the LSC.

N. All meetings must be scheduled and held in designated spaces. Atriums, lobbies, art gallery and
hallways are not designated meeting spaces.
O. Only full-time staff who are issued an exterior key are authorized to be in the LSC at times outside of the LSC operational hours. Only students employed by an office in the LSC may be in the building after hours, as long as accompanied by a full-time staff member. If a student employee leaves the building after hours, a full-time staff member must accompany the student to the exit and ensure the exterior door is closed and locked.

P. The LSC is not responsible for any articles lost in the building. Articles found in the building should be taken to the LSC Office Suite 311, or to the second floor Information Center for proper handling and/or forwarding to the SHSU Public Safety Services Office.

Q. Storage space is extremely limited in the LSC. Overnight storage of display materials, decorations and/or equipment is not permitted without prior approval from the LSC Director. All items left in the LSC will be discarded. The LSC is not responsible for any items temporarily stored, left, or lost in the building.

R. Organizations or individuals are not permitted to solicit funds or sell goods in any area of the LSC without written permission of the Director of the LSC. If permission is granted, a vendor table fee may be charged according to the Lowman Student Center Fee Schedule.

S. All postings and decorations must comply with all University guidelines and the sections on Posting (LSC Operations Policy, Section VI), and Decorations (LSC Operations Policy, Section III) and must be approved in advance by the Director of the LSC.

T. Loud, boisterous, or profane language, disorderly conduct, and disturbing the peace are not permitted and may lead to disciplinary action.

U. Sound levels of events will not disrupt normal operations in the LSC.

V. Electrical circuits, telephone outlets or computer connections will not be altered or connected to, except through existing outlets. If special arrangements are required for a program, contact the Assistant Director or the Director of the LSC for guidance on how to make the special arrangements with SHSU Facilities Management or Information Technology.

W. Any filming for cinematic, artistic, or school credit inside the LSC public areas must be approved by the Director of the LSC.

X. All audiovisual equipment will be turned on and sound levels set by a member of the LSC staff. If the event requires changing the preset levels during a program, then an LSC technical assistant will be required to work the event. Groups will be charged for the technical assistant per the Lowman Student Center Fee Schedule.

Y. All movies, videos, video games and other copyrighted audio/visual material must be approved in advance before they can be used in the LSC. The LSC Film Policy describes the limitations and process to get approval to display copyrighted material.

Z. The LSC ballroom is the only venue that is appropriate for a blood drive. Since the ballroom is in high demand, it will be limited to only one blood drive per semester.
Failure to comply with this policy or with persons enforcing this policy may result in suspension of privileges to use the LSC and/or lead to further action under the SHSU Student Guidelines.

II. RESERVATIONS

Philosophy

The philosophy behind LSC reservations is to maximize the use of space, facilities, and services of the LSC for the broadest number of organizations and groups. The following policies establish the guidelines and means for implementing the most effective use of LSC facilities.

Before a registered student organization can make a reservation request for any of the areas reserved by the LSC, the president of the organization must complete the Student Organization Contact Form. The president can designate up to three additional members of the organization who can make reservations for that student organization. Only those members designated by the president of the student organization may make reservations for that group. All students making reservations in the LSC must have an active Bearkat One Card.

Priority

Generally, reservations are taken and honored on a first come, first serve basis. However, in unusual circumstances, it may be necessary to alter reservations based on the following prioritization:

1. Any organization or group that has a direct connection with the University such as a registered student organization, University department, or administrative group whose financial support is derived from state appropriated or local University funds. Reservation forms for registered student organizations and University departments will not be accepted more than one year in advance of the event.

2. Any organization or group having a direct connection with some phase of University activity, but financial support is provided by outside sources. Reservation forms for these organizations will not be accepted more than one year in advance of the event.

3. Any outside, off-campus organization or group having no direct connection with the University but is officially invited to convene here, subject to policies approved by the University President. Reservation forms for off-campus groups will not be accepted more than six months in advance of the event.

   a) Off-campus organizations may use LSC facilities subject to established LSC Operations Policy.

   b) Summer camps may use LSC facilities and are to be scheduled through the SHSU Office of Enrollment Management.
**Fee Information**

Fees will be charged according to the current [Lowman Student Center Fee Schedule](#). Payment for the facility use and/or services must be made no later than the five (5) business days prior to the event. University Departments are required to provide their Banner FOAP for all applicable fees before the reservation will be confirmed.

**Facility Rental Fees**

**Student Organizations and University Departments:**

*Officially registered campus organizations (student, faculty, or staff) and University departments may reserve the LSC facilities and services.*

1) Generally, use of LSC facilities is free to campus organizations and University departments. However, applicable auxiliary charges or service fees will be assessed (see [LSC Fee Schedule](#)):

   a) If a student organization charges an admission fee, registration fee, or any other fee including receiving an offering for the sponsoring organization or their guests, the room rental fee for Student Organization Fundraiser will apply (see [LSC Fee Schedule](#)). Student organizations can pay with cash or a check from the organization’s account.

   b) If a University department charges an admission fee, registration fee, or any other fee, including receiving an offering for the sponsoring organization or their guests, the room rental fee for University Department Fundraiser will apply (see [LSC Fee Schedule](#)). University departments will pay using an interdepartmental transfer.

   c) All payments to the Lowman Student Center are non-refundable.

**Sponsored Programs:**

*Officially registered student organizations or University departments entering into joint sponsorship with individuals, groups, or students that are not officially registered/affiliated with the Sam Houston State University may use LSC facilities subject to the same policies as applicable in LSC Operations Policy.*

1) A program qualifies as a university department sponsored event when a University Department Chair/Director reserves the space, the department is actively involved in planning the event, a department representative attends the event, and payment is made from a university account using an interdepartmental transfer from the sponsoring department. All payments to the LSC are nonrefundable.

2) A program qualifies as a registered student organization sponsored program when a registered student organization reserves the space, the organization’s faculty/staff sponsor signs the reservation form, a representative of the organization is the point of contact for all planning and execution of the event, and payment is made from the student organization account.
Individual Students and University Personnel:

Current SHSU students, faculty, and staff may use LSC facilities subject to the same policies as applicable in LSC Operations Policy.

1) Limited use of appropriate LSC facilities may be extended to individual students, faculty, or staff for personal use for functions such as: weddings, wedding receptions, baby showers, birthday parties and/or retirement parties.

   a) The room rental fee for Individual Students, University Personnel and Sponsored programs will apply (see LSC Fee Schedule).

   b) Individual students and university personnel must pay using cash or a check. All payments to the LSC are nonrefundable.

Off-Campus Groups:

Any organization or group that is not a campus organization, University department, or University sponsored organization will be considered an off-campus group. Off-campus groups are further defined as organizations or groups having no direct connection with the University but are officially invited to convene here subject to policies approved by the University President. These groups are subject to the same policies as applicable in LSC Operations Policy.

   1) Facilities of the LSC may be used by off-campus groups subject to the Lowman Student Center Operations Policy, rental fee schedule, and other applicable charges.

   2) Off campus groups will pay by check or cash. All payments to the LSC are nonrefundable.

   3) Enrollment Management has been designated as the primary office to coordinate summer camps for the University.

Auxiliary Charges/Service Fees

Individuals or groups will be required to pay for special services. Charges may include, but are not limited to: security, spotlight operator, or other technical assistance.

1) Security Services – The customary ratio of security for a student organization special event is one officer for every 100 in attendance. There will be a minimum of four (4) officers required for special events, unless waived by the SHSU Public Safety Services Office. Security services must be arranged through the SHSU Public Safety Services Office. Payment must be received by that department at the time designated or the event will be cancelled. The doors will not be opened for the event until the University Police Officers are present. If officers are not available to work the event, the event cannot be held in the LSC and will be cancelled.

2) Events beyond normal hours – Events that begin or continue beyond the normal building operational hours must be scheduled at least two (2) weeks prior to the event date and are subject to Early Opening or Late Closing Fees according to the current Lowman Student Center Fee Schedule (see
LSC Fee Schedule).

a) Requests for early opening, late closing or opening when the LSC is closed must be submitted to the Director of the LSC using the Extended Operational Hours Request form available in the LSC Office. The request must be made at least two weeks prior to the scheduled event and there is a four (4) hour minimum for opening the building when the LSC is scheduled to be closed.

b) Building opening may not be prior to 6:00 a.m. and all activities before 7:30 a.m. must be approved by the LSC Director.

c) Activities must conclude one-half hour prior to the agreed late closing time to allow participants time to vacate the facility and the building to be secured. All events must conclude by 1:00 a.m. and the building must be vacated and secured by 1:30 a.m. (Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis).

d) Late closings as a result of an extended program, without prior arrangements, will result in an assessed Late Closing Fee, according to the Lowman Student Center Fee Schedule.

3) Late Cancellation Fees – Failure to use a reserved meeting room or cancel a reserved meeting room less than two (2) business days prior to scheduled time of use may result in an assessed Late Cancellation Fee in accordance with the current Lowman Student Center Fee Schedule. Failure to use ballroom or theater or cancel a ballroom or theater reservation less than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled date of the event may result in a Late Cancellation Fee.

4) Only LSC personnel are authorized to move equipment, tables, chairs, plants, etc. Violation of this policy may result in reservation privileges being revoked or other appropriate disciplinary action. Any unauthorized alterations will be corrected at the expense of the organization using the facility.

5) Failure of a group to exercise proper care of facilities will result in cancellation of that group’s reservations. Costs of repairs or replacement of damaged facilities, equipment, or excessive housekeeping will be billed to the organization. Knowledge and understanding of all LSC policies is the responsibility of all groups using the facility.

6) In cases not clearly defined, or for the rental of other facilities not listed above, the Director of the Lowman Student Center will determine the appropriate fee.
Facility Reservations

Reservation Policies

1) All requests for use of LSC facilities must be made through the LSC Office by completing and returning a Room Reservation Request form to the LSC Office at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting for meeting rooms, or three weeks prior to the event for the Ballroom, Theater, or Kat Klub. Rooms are not guaranteed until a confirmation has been issued.

2) Reservations will not be made or confirmed over the telephone. No requests for tentative reservations will be taken.

3) Reservation forms for registered student organizations and University departments will not be accepted more than one year in advance of the event. Reservation forms for all other groups will not be accepted more than six months in advance of the event.

4) Proposed use of LSC facilities must be appropriate and suited to the size, structure, purpose, and operational cost of the facility.

5) The Reservations Office reserves the right to change a reservation to another room in order to accommodate the greatest number of organizations with the understanding that, if possible, a comparable room will be provided.

6) Changes to the standard arrangement of furniture and equipment in a reserved space must be requested through the LSC Office at least two (2) business days prior to a scheduled event. LSC personnel will provide, at no charge, one initial room or facility set-up as requested. After initial set-up, changes will be made only as time and personnel permit. A facility set-up change fee of $50 will be charged to the group or individual requesting the change after the initial set-up.

7) Any organization wishing to use LSC space for job recruiting on campus for jobs must have authorization and a reservation made by SHSU Career Services.

8) Commercial enterprises are not permitted to reserve or use space in the LSC for purposes of promotion or sales, unless they are participating in Bearkat Mania (a University sponsored event), have a contract with the University, or are associated with an enterprise that has a contract with the University. A Vendor Table Fee will be assessed according to the current Lowman Student Center Fee Schedule.

9) Facilities reserved for events will not be used in excess of their maximum occupant capacity.

10) Off-Campus Speakers in University Facilities:

   a) No invitation by a registered student organization will be issued to an outside speaker without prior written concurrence of a person or committee as may be designated by the University President for scheduling of speaker dates and assignment of campus facilities (see Student Guidelines).

   b) All procedures outlined in the Student Guidelines will be followed.
c) To reserve a room in the LSC, for an off-campus speaker, a copy of the written University approval to have an outside speaker must be submitted to the LSC at the time the reservation is made. Off Campus Speaker forms are available in the LSC Office.

11) All contracts related to an event in the LSC, including contracts between user and performers, speakers, sub-contractors, managers, and others, must be reviewed by the Director of the LSC to ensure the facility is appropriate for the requested event.

12) Groups and individuals with an outstanding bill or debt owed to the LSC will have their reservation privileges in the facility suspended until the debt is paid in full.

13) Mobile Media Signage – Monitors are available to display schedules or advertisements of special events.

   a) All artwork, slides, and information must be submitted to the LSC no later than 2 days prior to the program.

   b) Monitors may not be moved once the LSC staff has set-up signage for an event.

   c) Digital files should be 1920 x 1080 pixels JPEG images.

Special Events

1) The Special Event Request form will be completed and turned in to the LSC office at least three (3) weeks prior to the event. Once the form is turned in to the LSC office, any changes to the event may require completion of a new Special Event Request form.

2) The number in the “Anticipated Attendance” line of the form will include everyone in the room. This includes but is not limited to: the spectators, performers, staff, organization members, and so forth.

3) Security requirements will be determined by University Police Department (UPD) and will be guided by the total number of “Estimated Attendance” and the Sam Houston State University Risk Management Guidelines.

4) UPD will be requested to be on site at the time the group wants the “doors open” for the event and will remain on site until 30 minutes after the event ends. Organizers, performers, group members and other guests will not be allowed into the event until UPD arrives. The time of the event indicated on the form and the time officers are required must meet this requirement.

5) The LSC staff will provide and deliver wristbands based on the number in the “Estimated Attendance” line for the event. The wristbands will be given to the student organization’s “person in charge” once UPD arrives. Before the doors are opened for the event, the LSC staff will inform the UPD security staff of the color/type wristbands issued for the event.

6) UPD and the “person in charge” of the event will ensure that no one enters the event unless they have the correct wristband on and it is easily visible. If at any time people enter the event without the appropriate wristband, the LSC staff will ask the “person in charge” to stop the event to make an
announcement for those people without wristbands to leave. If there are still people in the room without the proper wristbands, the LSC staff will stop or shut down the event until only people with the proper wristbands are in the room.

**Facilities**

**Ballroom**

Requests for use of the Ballroom must be made through the LSC Office by completing the [Ballroom Reservation Request](#) form. The Ballroom is a multi-purpose room used for events such as: banquets, luncheons, receptions, dances, concerts, and other appropriate events.

1) Ballroom events are limited to 750 people.

2) Student organizations are limited to two (2) Ballroom reservations per semester. In the event the Ballroom is available, organizations may request additional Ballroom reservations no more than two (2) weeks prior to the event.

3) Any food and/or drinks served in the Ballroom must be provided by the University catering service.

4) Alcoholic beverages may be served in conjunction with special events held in the LSC Ballroom are subject to prior approval as provided for in the section on alcoholic beverages (see LSC Operations Policy [Section V Alcoholic Beverages](#)).

5) Arrangements for set-ups in the Ballroom must be made with the LSC Assistant Director at least one (1) week prior to the event.

6) All decorations in the Ballroom must comply with the decorations policy (see LSC Operations Policy [Section III Decorations](#)). The LSC Assistant Director must receive in writing and approve all decoration plans prior to installation.

7) All ballroom events must conclude 30 minutes prior to building closing.

8) Violation of any of the above policies may result in cancellation of future reservations and/or other appropriate disciplinary action.

**Conference Rooms**

Requests for use of the conference/meeting rooms must be made through the LSC Office by completing the [Meeting Room Reservation Request](#) form. Fifteen conference rooms in various sizes can accommodate groups ranging from approximately 12 to 120 people.

1) Advance semester reservations for registered student and University organizations will be accepted starting November 1st for Spring reservations and April 1st for Fall reservations. Registered student organizations that want to schedule regular meetings throughout the semester must complete and submit a [Semester Reservation Request](#) form to the LSC Office.

2) In order to equitably accommodate requests for conference rooms, each registered student and
University organization is limited to two (2) meetings per week.

3) All meetings should conclude fifteen minutes prior to the LSC closing time in order to provide time for participants to exit the building.

4) If a conference room is to be used for any purpose or activity other than a meeting, the LSC Reservation Coordinator must be informed when submitting the Semester Reservation Request form.

5) If two weekly meetings are missed without following proper cancellation procedures, the semester reservation may be cancelled.

**Theater**

Requests for use of the Theater must be made through the LSC Office by completing the **Theater Reservation Request** form. The Theater is a multi-purpose facility designed and equipped to accommodate special events such as: lectures, films, seminars, conferences, meetings, educational, and entertainment programs.

1) The Theater should be used for activities that require theater accommodations.

2) No food or beverage is allowed in the Theater.

3) Theater events will conclude 30 minutes prior to the building closing.

**Art Gallery**

Requests for use of the Art Gallery must be made through the LSC Office by completing the **Art Gallery Reservation Request** form. The Art Gallery is a special purpose facility designed for display of various art works. SHSU students majoring in art or photography will be given first priority in scheduling exhibits.

1) Exhibits are limited to two weeks, and exceptions must be approved by the LSC Director.

2) Exhibitors may elect to secure or open the gallery. If secured, the public may view through the glass wall. If opened, a viewer may approach each piece.

3) The LSC is not responsible for any damage or theft of artwork during installation, exhibition or removal. The LSC provides no insurance nor assumes any liability for the work.

4) Work may hang from the walls, be placed on sculpture stands, or be positioned on the floor as long as adequate space remains to meet Americans with Disability Act guidelines. Art work may not be suspended from the ceiling without prior approval from the LSC Director.

5) Multimedia displays utilizing television monitors must be provided by the artist.

6) No modifications may be made to the exhibit space, including floors, walls or ceiling. This includes painting, drilling, etc. If assistance is needed with lighting adjustment, contact the LSC Reservations Office, and a time will be coordinated for the LSC staff and artist to set the lighting.
7) All receptions must be catered through the University catering service.

8) The LSC will not act as an intermediary or representative for any sales from the gallery. Sales must be handled by the artist. Any work sold is to remain in the exhibit until the exhibit is scheduled to come down.

9) Any audio/visual materials used in the art gallery must not interfere with other activities in the LSC.

10) The LSC will not exhibit work of bizarre, dangerous, or scandalous content. The LSC reserves the right to reject all work or concepts without justification.

11) The Art Gallery is equipped with a sound system that will allow the artist to utilize the LSC music player, or connect their own audio input device to play music for the duration of the exhibit.

The Kat Klub Entertainment Center
Requests for use of the Kat Klub must be made through the LSC Office by completing the Kat Klub Reservation Request form. The Kat Klub is an entertainment center with up-to-date games including video games, billiards, table tennis, shuffleboard, foosball, televisions, and a lounge area.

1) All persons using The Kat Klub Entertainment Center are subject to the Lowman Student Center Operations Policy.

2) Students with valid SHSU ID cards have first priority.

3) Rates for play for students and non-students will be posted.

4) Everyone issued equipment must show a valid SHSU ID card, photo identification or provide a $5 deposit.

5) All posted rules pertaining to proper and safe use of the facility and equipment are strictly enforced.

6) In the case of lost or damaged equipment, the responsible party must pay the assessed charges.

7) Tampering with equipment or games, other than normal control adjustment is prohibited. The Kat Klub staff should be contacted to make adjustments or to report a machine out of order.

8) The Kat Klub can be reserved for private parties (see Lowman Student Center Fee Schedule).

9) Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

President’s Dining Room (LSC Room 310)
The President’s dining room is reserved through the President’s Office using the Meeting Room Reservation Request form. The completed form must be sent to the President’s Events Office for approval before the room will be scheduled and confirmed by the LSC staff.
Mall Area

Requests for use of the Mall Area must be made through the LSC Office by completing the Campus Reservation Request form. The LSC Mall Area is the area situated on the south side of the LSC between the Student Center and the Bearkat Plaza. It extends in length from the east end of the LSC to the Alumni Garden area. It is available for use by all student and University organizations for programs and activities. Bearkat Plaza is not a part of the LSC Mall and events must be contained within the boundaries of the LSC Mall.

1) Harassment or loud and/or boisterous activity is not allowed.

2) Promotional materials, posters, etc. are limited to a table or bulletin boards, poster stands, or other approved support equipment.

3) Fundraising activities, in any form, must be pre-approved by completing a Campus Reservation Request form and Guidelines for Campus Solicitation form in compliance with University regulations (see Student Guidelines). All raffles must comply with the SHSU Raffle Policy.

4) Failure to show up on reserved dates may result in loss of table space and reservation.

5) Food Events— All requests for food events in the mall must be approved by the Resident District Manager of Dining Services/Aramark located in the Old Main Market, 1001 Bearkat Boulevard, or the Classic Fare Catering Director, located in the LSC. Any food event that is not catered by Aramark must be set up in the designated food area in the LSC Mall. The area between the Dean of Students’ Office entrance and the fountain is the designated food area.

6) Amplified Sound— The primary focus of SHSU is teaching and learning. Amplified sound can be a source of interference in that primary focus. Anyone wishing to use amplified sound is obligated to prevent that sound from interfering with the teaching and learning process.

   a) Amplified sound in the LSC Mall area is limited to the hours of 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 pm until midnight on class days. On non-class days, amplified sound is permitted from 8:00 a.m. until midnight.

   b) Amplified sound events will be located in the Amplified Sound area of the LSC Mall. That area is located between the first and second columns west of the LSC main entrance stairs where the speakers are mounted to the columns.

   c) Only one amplified event will be allowed at a time in the LSC Mall area. Groups are only allowed one amplified sound event per week.

   d) Organizations are required to use the LSC Sound System. When using the system, organizations will plug in external audio devices into the XLR or 1/8” jacks mounted on the second column. Adapters are available for checkout at the LSC Information Center.

   e) To ensure the sound does not interfere with the academic environment the sound output will be kept at a 75db level when measured across the Mall walkway directly in front of the sound event. This level will be set by LSC staff.
f) Any music or lyrics must meet public/community standards. This means using the “clean and edited” radio version cuts, restricting profane and obscene language. If in doubt do not use the cut. It is the responsibility of the reserving organization to assure the standard of content.

g) Failure to comply with this policy will result in the group losing use of amplified sound in the LSC Mall for a minimum of one semester.

7) All student groups that have events that start or end after 5:00 p.m. will need to complete the Special Event Request form and attach it to the Campus Reservation Request form before the request can be confirmed.

Check Out Equipment
A number of equipment items are available to campus organizations for use on campus. Equipment is checked out from the LSC Information Center.

1) Information tables and chairs for use on the Mall are available to registered student organizations and University departments to assist in promoting their activities. The tables and chairs are to be picked up and returned to the LSC Information Center. All reservations for tables and chairs must be made at the LSC Office.

2) Loan of equipment is available at no charge to University students, faculty and staff. Card tables and chairs are available for use on campus only.

3) A $15 per day per item late fee will be assessed for failure to return equipment as agreed.

4) A fee equal to replacement cost may be assessed for equipment not returned, lost, or damaged beyond repair.

5) All table activities must carry the identification of the sponsoring organization.

6) Table space may not be reserved for periods in excess of five (5) days.

7) Tables must be kept neat and orderly.

8) Tables are not designed to support heavy loads and should not be overloaded with books or other heavy objects.

9) Tables must be manned by a representative of the sponsoring organization at all times.

10) All table activity must be limited to the confines of the table so as not to restrict traffic flow or interfere with the rights of others operating tables.

Farrington Pit, Colony Park, and LSC Green Space
Requests for used of these outside venues must be made through the LSC Office by completing a Campus Reservation Request form. Student groups must also follow the procedures and policies as outlined in the Sam Houston State University Student Guidelines.
1) All student groups that have events that start or end after 5:00 p.m. will need to complete the Special Event Request form and attach it to the Campus Reservation Request form before the request can be confirmed.

2) Prior to confirming a request for Farrington Pit, the LSC Office must clear the request through the President’s Office. Approval from the President’s Office may take some time so requests for Farrington Pit should be submitted at least one week in advance of the requested event date.

3) Groups are required to remove all trash and leave all outside venues clean after their event.

**Bearkat Plaza**

*The Bearkat Plaza is the open, outdoor space situated between the LSC Mall Area and the Lee Drain Academic Building. It extends to the east in the direction of the College of Business Administration and to the west in the direction of the clock tower. The Plaza is designed to provide an open, peaceful, and aesthetically appealing environment to enhance the college experience at Sam Houston State University. Therefore, it may be reserved only for special University programs.*

1) Use of each facility is governed by the rules set forth in Chapter VII, “General Provisions for Campus Activities,” of the Rules and Regulations of The Texas State University System, which shall be adhered to in every instance. The Code of Student Conduct and the SHSU Student Guidelines are also applicable to the Bearkat Plaza.

2) All requests to utilize the Bearkat Plaza for special University events must be submitted at least three weeks in advance of the requested event date to the Director of the LSC using the Campus Reservation Request form. The LSC Director will forward appropriate program requests to the Vice President for Student Services. The Vice President for Student Services will forward appropriate program requests to the President’s office for final consideration and approval. Programs will not be permitted in the Bearkat Plaza unless approved in advance by the President’s designee.

3) Signs are not allowed in the Bearkat Plaza except in conjunction with an approved plaza event. All signs will be removed from Bearkat Plaza at the end of the event. Chalking is not allowed at any time in Bearkat Plaza or at any other location on campus.

**Banner Spaces**

*Mall Banner Spaces (Exterior)*

*Requests and approval for use of the banner space(s) outside and adjacent to the LSC must be made on a Banner Posting Request form. Banner space is available on a first come, first serve basis. All Student Organization banners must be approved for posting in advance by the Department of Student Activities.*

1) Banners must be delivered to the LSC at least one (1) day prior to display.

2) Banners will be installed and removed by LSC Office personnel.

3) All banners must be constructed of reinforced, weather-resistant material with brass grommets spaced on two (2) foot centers, top and bottom and edges hemmed.
4) Banners must carry the name of the sponsoring organization in writing large enough to be readable by the average viewer. The information on the banner must be limited to the promotion of the activities of the organization.

5) Banners may be displayed for a period not to exceed two (2) weeks or until conclusion of the advertised event, whichever occurs first.

6) Banner space is located between brick columns of LSC adjacent to Mall Area. Banners will not exceed 4 feet high by 10 feet wide horizontal. No vertical banners allowed.

7) Banners must be picked up within one week of the reservation’s expiration date. If a banner is not picked up the banner will be discarded.

**Atrium Banner Spaces (Interior)**

Requests and approval for use of atrium banner space(s) inside the LSC must be made on a [Banner Posting Request form. Banner space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Student Organization banners must be approved for posting in advance by the Department of Student Activities.**

1) Banners are to advertise special events and programs open to the entire University community. Banners must include the following information: sponsor(s), event title, time, date, location, and admission fee, if any. Banner use is not considered appropriate for the advertisement of regularly scheduled meetings.

2) Banners may be displayed for a period not to exceed two (2) weeks or until conclusion of the advertised event, whichever occurs first. Banners will be installed and removed by the LSC personnel.

3) Banners are restricted to a maximum size of 3 feet by 10 feet, vertically. There will be no horizontal banners allowed in the LSC Atrium.

**Window Painting Spaces**

*The LSC and Department of Student Activities have exclusive rights to window painting in the LSC.*

**Sidewalk Chalking**

*Sidewalk chalking is not allowed anywhere on the Sam Houston State University campus.*

**Monitor System**

*The primary function for the system is to display the daily schedule of events in the LSC. Monitors are located on all of the LSC floors.*

1) The monitor system is available to advertise events being held in the LSC.

2) A [Monitor Posting Request] form must be submitted in writing to the LSC Office at least two (2) business days prior to the start date for the advertising and include digital files with submission.

3) Digital files should be 640x480 jpeg images.

4) A one-page advertisement or notice may run for five (5) business days prior to the event.
5) No more than five (5) advertising screens will run each day.

6) Ads must identify campus affiliate, sponsoring registered student organization, and the name, date and time of event.

7) Ads will not contain obscene words or promote unlawful activity.

III. DECORATIONS

1) The LSC Reservations Office must receive in writing and approve all decoration plans prior to installation. Failure to comply will result in appropriate charges, loss of deposit and/or penalty or loss of use of the LSC in the future.

2) Activities with extensive decorations will require a deposit to be applied toward damages, clean-up and/or extended storage, if necessary.

3) The LSC is not responsible for any injuries that may occur while an individual or group is decorating for an event or while removing decorations.

4) The use of candles must be approved in advance by the Director of the LSC. Candles may only be placed on tables. They must be securely supported on substantial, noncombustible bases, and each candle flame must be protected. A cleaning fee will be assessed for removal of wax from LSC property.

5) The use of helium cylinders must be approved by the Director of the LSC in writing in advance of the event. In addition, the use of helium cylinders must follow these safety guidelines:
   a) Use only in well-ventilated areas.
   b) Secure cylinders to prevent tipping over.
   c) Use only cylinders with check valves.
   d) Use a suitable hand truck to move.
   e) Do not drag, roll or slide cylinders.

6) Decorations must be constructed or prefabricated outside the LSC and be ready to be attached or placed when brought into the building. No hammering, sawing, nailing, painting, gluing, ironing, etc. is permitted inside or adjacent to the building.

7) Decorations must be self-supported or hung from eyehooks provided in the ceiling and walls of the Ballroom. No decorations will be hung above 12 feet.

8) Prohibited Items:
a) Clear or transparent tape, duct tape, glue, hot glue guns, irons, thumbtacks, or nails on doors, posts, ceilings, walls, floors, windows, furniture, or other building fixtures.

b) Flammable materials, including crepe paper.

c) Glitter, confetti, rice, sand, hay, metallic sprinkles and/or similar materials.

d) Lights, ribbons and/or decorations that are attached to stage curtains, drapes, artificial plants or other building fabrics.

e) Special effects equipment such as smoke machines, bubble machines, fog machines, etc. Special arrangements and approval by the Director of the LSC must be granted prior to installation and use of any special effects equipment such as mirror ball, fountain, etc.

9) All decorations must be removed immediately following the event. Exceptions must be approved in advance by the LSC Reservations Office to avoid forfeiture of deposit. Extended storage may result in forfeiture of deposit. The LSC is not responsible for any articles temporarily stored, left, or lost in the building.

10) All large wooden, metal, plastic, cardboard, or other decoration materials will not be discarded in LSC or University trash containers or dumpsters. It is the responsibility of the individual or group reserving the facility to properly remove such items from campus.

11) Decorations cannot block or cover doors, exit signs, fire safety equipment, or view panels on doors.

IV. FOOD

All food service in the LSC must be provided through the University catering service. Food service is defined as any type of meal and includes the service of refreshments such as soft drinks and cookies.

1) The LSC provides facilities for a variety of catered events. Facility reservations must be scheduled through the LSC Office. Following confirmation of available space, the menu and type of food service must be made through the University catering service. Reservations for major events utilizing catering service should be made no later than two (2) weeks prior to the event.

2) Exceptions are as follows—Officially registered student organizations and university departments may provide and serve their own refreshments for their exclusive use during their meeting in third floor meeting rooms only. Refreshments may only be provided for the number of people less than or equal to the maximum room occupancy. Refreshments are not to include items that may serve as a full meal. The reservation office must be notified and approval received at least two (2) business days before the meeting. All trash items are to be disposed of in the hall trash receptacles. The following is a list of the only items allowed as refreshments for third floor meeting: coffee, cookies, tea, cake, carbonated beverages, donuts, punch (no red colored punch), chips & dips and popcorn.

3) Groups must turn in the Food Service Exemption Request form at least two (2) business days prior to their meeting and receive approval from the LSC Reservations Coordinator before bringing in the refreshments for their meeting.
4) Clean-up is the responsibility of the group reserving the venue. All food and trash must be removed from the room and placed in the trash containers in the halls.

5) Any other variation or exception to the food service policy must be approved in advance by the Director of the LSC in consultation with the University catering services director.

6) No red-colored beverages are allowed to be served in the LSC.

7) Failure to comply with the food policy may result in the denial or cancellation of future reservations.

V. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The following policy applies to alcoholic beverage service in the LSC:

1) Organizations desiring to have alcoholic beverages served in conjunction with an event scheduled in the LSC must complete and return to the LSC Office an Alcoholic Beverage Service Request form. The form must be completed and returned to the LSC Office (LSC 311) at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the event. The request requires the approval signatures of several University administrators including the President of the University.

2) The furnishing or sale of alcoholic beverages in the LSC is restricted solely to the alcoholic beverage license holder for SHSU. No individuals, groups, or associations other than the SHSU alcoholic beverage license holder may furnish or sell alcoholic beverages on the premises of the LSC for consumption by any person.

3) Keg beer is not allowed in the LSC.

4) The SHSU alcoholic beverage license holder may dispense the full range of alcoholic beverages as approved for special events.

5) The consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages is limited to the room in which the catered event occurs.

6) Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in any public area of the LSC.

Alcoholic beverage sales/service in the LSC is divided into two categories: Catered Events or University-Sanctioned Events.

Catered Events

1) Catered events are closed, private, controlled-access events.

2) The sponsoring organization is responsible for controlling access to the event and individual access to alcoholic beverages to assure compliance with state law.
University-Sanctioned Events

1) University-sanctioned events are those functions that are permitted in the LSC and are open to the public and/or for which there is a door charge, but where specific invitations have not been issued.

2) The responsible party for University-sanctioned events is the University entity reserving the facility and completing an Alcoholic Beverage Service Request form.

Violations

1) Suspected violations of University policy, but not state law, may be referred to the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students will review the violations and may refer the violation for review to the proper authority for adjudication.

2) Violations of state law will be referred to SHSU Public Safety Services personnel.

Security

1) One or more uniformed SHSU Public Safety Services officers are required to be on duty throughout the duration of an event where alcoholic beverages are served. Expense for this security will be paid by the sponsoring organization.

2) Payment for security must be made to the SHSU Public Safety Services at the time designated by that department.

VI. POSTING AND SIGNAGE

Posting

Registered student organizations and University departments may post printed materials on LSC bulletin boards once the material receives the stamped approval of an authorized representative of the Department of Student Activities.

Bulletin boards in the LSC are located next to the Kat Klub, on the first floor, and on the landings of the center stairs between the first and third floors.

Posted materials must conform to the following general rules:

1) May not exceed an overall size of 14” x 22”

2) May be posted for a period not to exceed two (2) weeks or until the conclusion of the event, whichever occurs first. Each student or campus organization is responsible for removing its materials as soon as the event is over. Failure to properly remove outdated materials may result in denial of future posting privileges.

3) Must not cover prior posted materials or extend beyond the edges of the bulletin board.

4) Defaced material is subject to removal.
5) Must identify campus affiliate, sponsoring registered student organization, and the name, date and time of event.

6) Materials posted in violation of printed policies are subject to removal and sanctions by the University.

7) Posted materials for co-sponsored activities will not emphasize the off-campus sponsor. The emphasis should be on the sponsoring registered student organization.

8) Posted materials advertising alcohol-related functions must conform to University regulations pertaining to advertising alcohol-related functions on campus advertisements.

9) Posted materials will not contain obscene words or promote unlawful activity.

10) Special printed materials such as banners, spirit posters, special activity posters, etc. may be posted in designated places.

11) Off-campus flyers or posters, including commercial advertising, may be posted on general bulletin boards as designated. All general boards will be cleared at the beginning of each month.

**Signage**

1) Signs designating retail operation areas or offices or any permanent signage must be approved in advance by the Director of the LSC.

2) Temporary signs, flyers, announcements, etc. will not be taped, pinned or placed anywhere in the LSC without the prior approval of the LSC Director.

3) Nothing will be affixed to the glass on any doors, as this creates a safety hazard.

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Rental Lockers**

*Coin-operated lockers are located on the second-floor lobby near the courtesy phone.*

1) If key is lost or not properly returned, a replacement charge of $10 per key will be assessed.

2) Contents of all lockers will be purged during semester breaks for routine service and maintenance.

3) Loss or damage to locker contents is limited to refund of rental fee.

**ATM**

*A Higher One ATM is located on the first floor of the LSC next to the Kat Klub.*
Vending

Food and beverage vending machines are located on the first and third floors of the LSC. In the event there is a problem with a vending machine contact the SHSU Vending Office at 936-294-1824.

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