College Policy

SUBJECT: Use of Facilities Policy

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REVISED:

Delaware County Community College (DCCC) provides indoor and outdoor facilities for a wide variety of College programs. In keeping with its objective of serving as a focal point for further cultural and educational development within Delaware and Chester Counties, the College will make its facilities available to community groups and organizations whenever possible, within the context of facility use procedures. Non-College users will be charged fees appropriate to the facilities requested and the type of organization making the request.

Political organizations and candidates for political office are permitted on campus for lectures, speeches, or forums when they are sponsored by a College office, department, or approved College organization.

DCCC activities take priority over all other requests for facilities use.

**PRIORITY 1 – CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**
Space will be made available for College activities in the following order of priority:

1. College Instructional Programs
2. Official College Events
3. College-sponsored Educational Activities
4. Actively Chartered Student Clubs and Organizations
5. College Extramural Activities

**PRIORITY 2 – EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**
Space will be made available to outside organizations when the requested use does not conflict with scheduled College functions and if the activity is consistent with the objectives and philosophy of the College.

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Use of Facilities Procedures

Hourly Rates and Usage Requirements

Facility usage fees are charged by the hour. All charges for space and additional services will be based on a minimum of two (2) hours and will be rounded to the nearest full hour.

Charges for use of multiple classrooms will depend on the number of classrooms requested and the type of activity.

Costs for additional services (custodial, electrical, mechanical, security, audiovisual, etc.) will be charged in addition to the per-hour rates listed, when applicable. Organizations requesting access to the College’s WiFi system for individual participants will be billed based on the table related to said services so noted on the Per Hour Charges for Use of Facilities “Schedule A”.

All outside organizations shall pay 50% of all fees to the College Business Office upon submission of the Use of Facilities Application. Full payment (100%) is due at least one week prior to the scheduled event.

No use of facilities is permitted until the applicable fees are paid and the Application is signed by the Associate Vice President for Administration & Facilities Planning or his designee. A representative of the outside group must keep a copy of the group’s signed application on hand at all times that the event is taking place and must produce the approved application upon request of any authorized representative of the College.

The applicant agrees not to sublet or transfer the rights or privileges under an approved Application to any other individual, group or organization.

Any outside group wishing to cancel its event may do so without penalty with at least 48 hours’ notice to the College. Any group not giving the proper notice will be charged the full amount of the fees and costs for additional services associated with the lease.

Insurance Requirements for External Organizations

All external organizations with the exception of category “A” organizations are required to submit proof of insurance at lessee expense as follows:

- Commercial General Liability
  - Bodily Injury and Property Damage
  - Combined Single Limit - $1,000,000

- Products Liability if food will be served
  - Combined Single Limit - $1,000,000

- Automobile Liability
  - This coverage is required if vehicles of the sponsoring organization will be on College premises.
• Workers Compensation Coverage – Statutory coverage in accordance with Workers Compensation Laws of the State of Pennsylvania for employees of the lessee working on College property.

Delaware County Community College must be listed as an “additional insured” on all insurance certificates.

Insurance certificates must be received by the College no less than five (5) days prior to the event. Organizations that fail to submit a valid insurance certificate at least five days prior to the event will be prohibited from using College facilities.

All insurance coverages must be written by companies authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. All insurance certificates are subject to the final approval of Delaware County Community College.

**Regulations for Facilities Use**

The following restrictions apply to all functions for College activities and external organizations:

1. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs of any kind shall not be permitted on College property. Any person under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be denied the opportunity to participate in the activity or to be present on College property.

2. Smoking or use of tobacco products is prohibited on all College campuses including parking lots.

3. The College strictly prohibits the possession or carrying of any deadly or offensive weapon by any person in its academic buildings, administrative buildings, or while attending a sporting, civic, entertainment, recreational, or educational event on the College property with the exception of authorized law enforcement personnel. See College policy on Possession of Weapons on Campus for additional details.

4. Gambling or other conduct detrimental to College or public interests shall not be permitted.

5. Parking is permitted only in designated parking lots. Special needs individuals with a valid permit may park in the designated parking areas. Under no circumstances are groups permitted to park on grass or in areas not designated for parking.

6. The serving of food and/or beverages is permitted only in those areas of the College designated for such purposes. Outside organizations are responsible for making their own arrangements for food.

7. College officials or designated employees shall not be refused admittance to any function held on College property.

8. All functions must be in compliance with applicable laws of the State, County, and Local governments.
9. The selling of goods and/or services or the solicitation for the sale of goods and/or services is prohibited on campus unless it is approved by the College’s Associate Vice President for Administration & Facilities Planning.

10. DCCC is committed to assuring equal opportunity to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or political affiliation. This policy extends to employment within and admission to the College and is in compliance with all Federal Laws including Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. No activity on College property shall exclude participants because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or political affiliation by de jure or de facto intent i.e. activity structured so as to exclude or specifically exclude individuals because of their tenet, creed, or beliefs.

11. Facilities and equipment must be left in a clean and orderly condition immediately following the event. Groups are responsible for supplying and paying for dumpsters as directed by the College. Failure of the group to adequately clean facilities following an event will result in additional charges to the organization.

12. The College has a policy prohibiting any sexual harassment including: unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and/or other verbal or physical conduct or written communication of an intimidating, hostile, or offensive sexual nature.

13. All external organizations requesting the use of outdoor facilities (including but not limited to parking lots) shall be charged for a College representative who will be present during the event. The College’s representative is in charge of the facility at all times.

14. All organizations must adhere to College fire and safety codes and regulations.

15. External organizations are permitted to use only equipment and/or supplies for which permission was granted by the Associate Vice President for Administration.

16. There shall be no alterations to existing facilities, or installation of equipment, signs, posters, or decorations on or about College property by any party without the written approval of the Associate Vice President for Administration or his designee.

17. In the event that the College is closed on the date of the scheduled event due to inclement weather, emergency or any other unforeseen reason, the event will not take place. It is the responsibility of the outside group to determine if the College is open for business on the day of the event by calling the main switchboard at 610-359-5000. The College shall not be responsible financially or otherwise for revenue lost by the outside group as a result of such closing.

18. Applicants will be limited to the use of the areas specified on the approved Use of Facilities Application.

19. Requests for the use of College facilities must be made to the Business Services Office at least 30 days prior to the requested date in order for the request to be reviewed and arrangements for approved use completed. More complex requests should be made several months in advance.
20. In all cases, one person belonging to the outside organization shall be identified in writing on the Application as the person responsible for the function and this individual shall be present for the entire duration of the event. Noncompliance will result in denial of future requests.

21. All groups must provide the College with a cell number of the individual that will be onsite during the function in case it becomes necessary for the College to contact that individual.

22. Copies of signage, promotional, and/or advertising materials planned to be temporarily placed on College premises must be attached to the Use of Facilities Application.

23. External organizations will be advised of the total use charges by the Associate Vice President for Administration & Facilities Planning of the College prior to the date of the event. However, it is the responsibility of the organization’s representative to know all fees (including all fixed and variable cost estimates) prior to the event.

24. All organizations will be asked to file an evaluation form with the Business Services Office following the event.

25. The College reserves the right to withdraw, at any time, its permission to use College facilities and reserves the right to alter or make such additional rules and regulations from time to time as may be in the public interest.

26. The College, at its sole discretion, will determine if additional security is required. Groups will be required to pay a fee for additional security personnel if such is deemed necessary by the College.

27. It is the responsibility of the group to insure that participants remain in the area requested for use and do not roam throughout other parts of the campus.

28. The College makes every attempt to be courteous to its neighbors. As such, outside groups are required to do everything in their power to keep noise to a minimum. The College’s representative is authorized to demand that groups refrain from actions that in the representative’s opinion create noise levels above an acceptable level.

29. Due to its design, the Gymnasium at the Downingtown Campus is difficult to cool in the Summer and to heat in the Winter. The College will attempt to make this area comfortable for use by outside groups; however, the College cannot guarantee that the space will be appropriately cool/warm. It is the responsibility of the group to determine prior to its use if the temperature in the space is acceptable for the group’s purposes.

30. Groups will be permitted access to their requested space no more than 15 minutes prior to the start of the function and must vacate the College no more than 15 minutes after the scheduled end of the function.
31. The College will not issue refunds for groups with a positive balance under $100. Instead, groups will receive an equal value in credit for fees associated with future events.

32. It is the responsibility of the outside organization to determine if a Marple Township Permit is required to hold its event and if so, to obtain and pay for such permit.

**Indemnity Provision**

The Lessee (outside/external organization) agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Delaware County Community College (Lessor), including its employees, agents, and trustees from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, losses, and damages arising out of or by reason of Lessee’s presence or activities at the College facilities, or by Lessee’s agents, contractors, servants, employees, licensees, invitees, or guests and resulting in any damage, including property damage or personal injuries. Lessee will further indemnify and hold the College harmless against and from any and all claims arising from any breach or default on the part of the Lessee in the performance of any covenant or agreement on the part of the Lessee to be performed pursuant to the College’s use of facilities policies and procedures, or arising from any act of negligence of the Lessee, or any of its agents, contractors, servants, employees, licensees, invitees, or guests, or arising from the conduct of or management about the College facilities or from any accident in or about the College facilities. In the event any action or proceeding is brought against the College by reason of Lessee’s use of College facilities, the Lessee covenants to resist and defend, at Lessee’s expense, such action or proceeding. This indemnification shall also cover any and all costs, expenses, and fees, including attorneys’ fees, incurred by the College incident thereto.

**SCHEDULE “A”**

**Per Hour Charges for Use of Facilities – Minimum Two (2) Hours rounded up to the nearest full hour.**

Rates are Effective 1/1/15-12/31/15

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Costs for additional services (custodial, electrical, mechanical, security, audiovisual, etc.) will be charged in addition to the per-hour rates listed above, when applicable. Organizations requesting access to the College’s WIFI system for individual participants will be billed based on the following:

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Categories:

B - Organizations that have a connection to the College as a whole or an Educational Institutions or organizations affiliated with schools and Community non-profit groups.
C - Community for-profit groups.

A Delaware County or Chester County address must appear on the organization’s certificate of insurance to be eligible for “In-County” rates.

An IRS Determination Letter is required for groups to be considered “non-profit”.

**Additional Requirements for External Organizations**

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The applicant agrees not to sublet or transfer the rights or privileges under an approved Application to any other individual, group, or organization.

Category “B” groups (non-profit) must submit a copy of the Internal Revenue Service Determination Letter certifying their non-profit status.

Any outside group wishing to cancel its event may do so without penalty with at least 48 hours’ notice to the College. Any group not giving the proper notice will be charged the full amount of the lease.