

POLICY 1.18 – Food or Drink Consumption Policy for Western Libraries

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PREAMBLE

1.0 Western Libraries provides both an environment conducive to study and research and access to rich collections of information materials. Food, drink spills and litter:

- invite infestation by mice and other pests and pose a real and continuing threat to library materials and technical equipment; and,
- mitigate against the maintenance of an environment conducive to study and research.

For these reasons the University has articulated a FOOD OR DRINK CONSUMPTION POLICY for WESTERN LIBRARIES that provides for:

- NO FOOD CONSUMPTION IN ANY LIBRARY LOCATION, except in areas designated by Western Libraries; and,
- acceptance of CONSUMPTION OF DRINKS IN LIDDED CONTAINERS, except in restricted areas where drinks are not permitted by Western Libraries.

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2.00 Food shall not be consumed in study or public service areas of any of Western Libraries, except in areas designated by Western Libraries. Consumption of drinks in lidded containers is acceptable, except in restricted areas where drinks are not permitted by Western Libraries. Adherence to this Food or Drink Consumption regulation is a condition of entry to any of the Western Libraries.

3.00 Any person, whether a member of the university community or not, who contravenes this regulation will be subject to a University fine.

3.01 Western Parking and Events Services is authorized on behalf of Western Libraries to issue violation notices to those who contravene the Food or Drink Consumption regulation.

3.02 Failure to pay fines assessed under this policy can result in the application of the sanctions which have been approved by the Senate and Board of Governors of the University. These include the sealing of academic records and the withholding of grade reports, permits to register, transcripts and degree diplomas. Sanctions will remain in force until such time as all indebtedness to the University, including payment of a fee for removal of the seal on academic records, has been cleared to the satisfaction of the University.

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- 3.03 Appeals against imposed fines and academic sanctions should be made in writing to Western Parking, Room 15, Services Building, or by using the Written Appeal form on the Western Parking website within **fourteen** days of the violation date. Pursuant to this hearing, if the appellant is dissatisfied with the decision, the appeal will be heard by the Parking Appeals Committee which will make a final decision on the appeal on behalf of Western Libraries.