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Policy # 59004 Founder's Plaza Community Standards for Food & Beverages

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Responsible Office: Facilities & Safety & Risk Management

Division: Operations

I. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

The community standards for food and beverage use in Founder's Plaza are designed to uphold the Plaza as a clean, safe, and welcoming gathering space for all members of the Grambling State University community. These guidelines encourage responsible enjoyment of meals and beverages while promoting respect for the shared environment, ensuring that the Plaza remains a vibrant hub for connection, conversation, and campus life.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

The open area located between McCall Dining Hall and the Barnes & Noble Bookstore is hereby designated as Founder's Plaza. This Plaza serves as a central gathering space on Grambling State University's campus, honoring the vision, dedication, and legacy of Grambling State University's founders who laid the groundwork for its growth and success.

Founder's Plaza is envisioned as a welcoming and vibrant space that celebrates the university's rich history and commitment to community, learning, and progress. It provides students, faculty, staff, and visitors with a meaningful place to connect, reflect, and engage in campus life. To maintain Founder's Plaza as a clean, attractive, and welcoming space for the entire campus community, this policy establishes standards for the consumption and disposal of food and beverages within Founder's Plaza.

A. Use of To-Go Containers

Meals enjoyed in Founder's Plaza should be in to-go containers provided by Tiger Express or McCall Dining Center. Please note that an additional fee may apply to go containers provided by McCall Dining Center.

B. Outside Food and Beverages

Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to bring food, snacks, and beverages from outside campus dining facilities to enjoy in Founder's Plaza.

C. Trash and Waste Disposal

All trash, food containers, and beverage cups must be properly disposed of in designated receptacles at the conclusion of each use. **No exceptions.** The cooperation of all users is essential to keep Founder's Plaza clean and inviting.

D. Prohibited Items

The consumption of alcoholic beverages and illegal substances are strictly prohibited. Use of open flames, grills or any other items that may pose a safety risk is strictly prohibited unless express written authorization is obtained by the Department of Safety & Risk Management in advance.

E. Respectful Use of the Space

Users are expected to respect others by maintaining reasonable noise levels and cleaning up after themselves.

F. Compliance and Enforcement

Compliance with this policy helps preserve Founder's Plaza as a vibrant, attractive, and inclusive space for the entire campus community. Failure to comply may result in the following:

1. Verbal or written warnings by campus officials
2. Referral to Student Conduct
3. Potential restrictions on use of the space by individuals and/or organizations or groups for organized events
4. Other disciplinary actions in accordance with university policy or the laws of the State of Louisiana.

III. APPLICABILITY

This policy is applicable to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

IV. ACCREDITATION

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