DIRECTIVE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT, EXTERNAL, LEGAL, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF POLICY #100 (CHARITABLE APPEALS ON CAMPUS)

UBC’s policy on charitable appeals on campus (Policy #100) requires that permission to solicit and collect funds on UBC property be obtained in advance from the Vice President, External, Legal and Community Relations.

The University has a tremendous history of community engagement. UBC exists for the communities it serves and it encourages its faculty, staff, and students to engage with the wider community to not only improve societal good, but also to enrich their own lives by applying their skills and knowledge beyond the classroom or the workplace.

In light of this history, the Vice President has determined that fundraising activities meeting the following criteria will be deemed to have approval. Effective immediately, registered charities planning fundraising activities that meet these criteria will no longer be required to obtain separate explicit approval. These criteria have been developed to ensure access to and enjoyment of UBC facilities by all member of the UBC community and to enhance and facilitate community engagement through philanthropic activities in a respectful manner that supports the safety, security, and privacy of students, faculty, staff, and residents while on campus. The Vice President retains the discretion under Policy #100 to disallow any specific activity at any time even if the activity meets these criteria:

The deemed approval will apply to fundraising activities that meet the following criteria:

- The purpose of the activity is to solicit donations of cash, goods, or gifts in kind;
- The fundraising activities take place in outdoor areas on the main UBC Point Grey and Okanagan campuses;
- The funds are collected on behalf of a registered charity;
- The collected funds are used to further the purpose(s) of that charity, as described in its constituting documents;
- The total number of people engaged in fundraising does not exceed six (6) for each registered charity; and
- The duration of the activity does not exceed seven (7) days in any sixty (60) day period.
Notwithstanding the foregoing, the deemed approval does not apply to:

- Activities that take place within university buildings;
- Registered charities that are other universities;
- Activities that obstruct entranceways to university buildings or thruways on campus;
- Activities that involve the erection of permanent or temporary structures, e.g. booths, kiosks, displays;
- Posting of notices, posters and signs, except where the university has provided bulletin boards or wall space for the purpose of promoting a charitable activity;
- Canvassing on a door-to-door basis;
- The use of amplifying devices or other techniques that might disturb the peace; or
- Activities that intimidate, harass, abuse, or threaten another by means of use or threatened use of physical or nonphysical force — this includes aggressive solicitation.

Fundraising activities that do not have deemed approval under this directive must not take place on UBC property unless the charity undertaking the activity seeks and obtains explicit written approval from the Vice President. Beyond providing permission for the fundraising activity, UBC will provide no facilities or assistance for soliciting or collecting funds, except in the case of the appeal by the United Way.

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