

Surplus Property Policy

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Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the Surplus Property Policy and Procedure is to provide a guideline for the disbursement/disposal of all West Chester University surplus property. This policy provides staff and faculty with a clear understanding that as a State institution the University uses property to its best advantage and realizes the maximum value possible for equipment and furniture at the end of their useful life. By following surplus disbursement/disposal procedures we ensure that University property provides value to the full extent of its worth and that its disbursement/disposal will be conducted in an equitable, efficient, and cost-effective manner.

Please remember that each department is responsible for all departmental assets and should use assets only for University business. If assets become missing (lost or stolen), please contact Public Safety immediately at 610-436-3311 and provide them with detailed information. If a fixed asset needs to be retired or disposed of, please alert the Accounting Department at accounting@wcupa.edu.

Policy Statement

It is the University's policy to receive the maximum amount of value from a piece of equipment or furniture. When it has been determined that no further value is to be realized by the University through utilization of a particular piece of equipment or furniture, said item shall be declared surplus. Once declared surplus, items will be disposed of as set forth in the

following procedures. The University's Surplus Property Manager has the primary responsibility to monitor compliance with this policy.

Procedures

1. Surplus Declaration Process

When it is determined by the using department that an item has served its original purpose and has no further productive use in the original department, this item will be considered for designation within the surplus disbursement/disposal program. [Note: For computer equipment, see Section 2.h. below.] The decision to designate an item for the surplus program will be made by the person with purchasing authority for the department in which the furniture/equipment is located. Should a circumstance present itself where no one is in a position to make a surplus determination that decision will be made by the University's Surplus Property Manager.

2. Surplus Disbursement/Disposal Program

a. Campus Notification Process

If the decision has been made that an item will be designated as surplus, the using department is encouraged to advertise through, "[Ram Swap](#)", the availability of an item for campus reuse. The item may be transferred to another department at the discretion of the head of the former user's department or designee. If there is a University inventory bar code affixed to the asset, the Accounting Department (accounting@wcupa.edu) must be notified that the item is being transferred to a new department.

If the original department is unable to redistribute the property within the University, the department head or designee will submit the [Surplus Property Declaration form](#). After the surplus property declaration form is

submitted, the Surplus Property Manager will reach out to coordinate next steps. The department head or designee can submit a [Work Request](#) for Moving Services to pick up the surplus item and move it to the Surplus Property Holding Area in the 887 S. Matlack Street Warehouse. Please include "SURPLUS" in the details of your moving services work request. Questions can be sent to the Surplus Property Manager via email at surplus@wcupa.edu. If the item(s) requires special handling, please include that information in the work request. Note: Pending removal, surplus items should not be placed in hallways, stairwells, or otherwise hinder emergency egress in buildings. Items noticed in these areas should be reported and secured immediately.

b. Surplus Property Holding Area

For surplus assets in the Surplus Property Holding Area, preference will be given for reuse of this property by other campus departments. If a department has a specific need for a surplus asset, visit the "Ram Swap" [website](#) for list of available items. Assets will be awarded on a "first request--first award" basis.

c. Scrapped Items

If the condition of an item is described as poor, broken beyond repair, inoperable, obsolete, or cannibalized, or if the estimated sales value of the item will not justify the overhead costs of a public sale, then at the discretion of the department head and/or Surplus Property Manager an item may be declared as "scrap." At that point the item will be labeled as such and disposed of as waste or recyclable material.

d. Offer To Other PASSHE Universities

If the Surplus Property Manager determines that the surplus item(s) may be useful to other PASSHE universities, the PASSHE universities may be notified of the availability of the surplus item(s) and given 10 days to respond. The receiving university will be responsible for transporting the item(s) at its expense.

e. Sale Process

Surplus property may be offered for public sale by: (1) sealed bid, or (2) listing on the GovDeals [website](#), or other applicable website. All net proceeds from such sales will be deposited in the University's Surplus Property Fund, unless otherwise authorized by the Vice President for Finance and Administration. Under all circumstances the University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids for the disbursement of surplus property. The University may also cancel a bid at any time if it is in the best interest of the University to do so. The [State Adverse Interest Act](#) prohibits the sale of surplus property to any University employee. Accordingly, University employees, either directly or indirectly, are not permitted to bid on items made available through publicly-advertised surplus property sales.

(1) Sealed Bid Process

The University's intent to sell surplus items through a sealed bid will be advertised with appropriate regional media sources. Relevant dates, applicable terms and conditions, and a description of the materials available for sale will be included in the notice. The sealed bids will be opened and awarded by the Surplus Property Manager, or other designated University official. The highest qualified bid received will be the awardee. Should two or more persons submit the same high bid, the award will be made to the earliest bid received. Anyone 18 years of age or older (except University

employees) is eligible to submit a bid for surplus items. If items are not removed within the time limits allowed, the affected items may be re-awarded to the next highest bidder.

(2) Auction Website Process

As an alternative to the sealed bid process, surplus property may be listed on the GovDeals auction [website](#) in order to reach a large market of potential buyers and sell the property for the highest possible price. Standard web auction bidding conventions will be followed in order to achieve a sale at fair market value. Buyers will be required to cover shipping costs at their expense, as well as sales tax and auction expenses. Auction of surplus vehicles (including vehicle accessories/attachments and motorized utility carts) will be coordinated by Motor Pool through means such as the Manheim Auction or GovDeals.

f. Removal Of Unclaimed Items

If the University is not successful in removing the items from campus by public sale, the items will be declared as scrap and disposed of accordingly. In order to save the University hauling charges and to reduce landfilled amounts, scrap or recycling dealers may be contacted to haul the materials away at minimal or no expense.

g. Accounting Department Notification

For assets tagged with a University inventory bar code, the original department is responsible for notifying the Accounting Department of the removal of or relocation of tagged assets. The asset bar code number will be recorded and reported to the Accounting Department at accounting@wcupa.edu with a copy to the Surplus Property Manager at surplus@wcupa.edu.

h. Computer-Related Equipment

Information Services & Technology (IS&T) must be contacted prior to the transfer/surplus declaration of any computer or other network-related equipment. In most cases, this equipment is the property of IS&T and was furnished to campus departments for conducting University business. To have computer equipment removed from an office space, submit a Help Desk ticket via IS&T [website](#) or call the Help Desk (610-436-3350). If applicable, IS&T staff will clean the hard drive and erase all user data files. Computer equipment that has no further useful purpose to the University or that IS&T will no longer support will be surplus using the procedures in 2. c, d, or e (above).

i. Hazardous Material

A University department may not declare surplus any materials that have hazardous compounds contained therein. Materials that exhibit the characteristics of ignitability, corrosiveness, reactivity, toxicity, radioactivity, biological waste, or are on any Federal or State hazardous waste lists, are considered to be hazardous. When it is determined that a product which contains hazardous chemical compounds is no longer needed or no longer of use, the item must be immediately reported to Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) and 610-436-3333. EHS will then determine the appropriate and safe disposal method for the product.

3. Exceptions to the Surplus Disposal Program

Experience, foresight, product knowledge and other factors will lead one to understand that a particular item, which is no longer useful to the University, may have significant residual value which can be gained through other avenues. Examples which may lend themselves to this would be, but are not limited to: vehicles, computer equipment,

microscopes, lighting systems, lab equipment, dormitory furniture, one-of-a-kind items, etc. At the discretion of the Surplus Property Manager, or other designated University official, disposal of these items, which are considered to have value over and above the surplus program yet are no longer useful for campus utilization, may be accomplished in one of the following ways:

a. Trade-in

Often a manufacturer will provide a trade-in value for old equipment when a new purchase of similar equipment is considered. The traded equipment's model and serial numbers will be listed on the purchase order designated for acquisition of the replacement items. Credit for these items will be an integral part of the overall purchase price of the new equipment order. From the receiving copy of the purchase order, the Accounting Department will then remove the item from their records.

b. Goodwill Offerings

At the discretion of the University's Surplus Property Manager, it may be decided that a goodwill offering will be made as a donation to a local public procurement unit within our geographic region, as defined in the [Procurement Code](#). These include: municipalities, counties, school districts, public authorities, tax exempt non-profit educational or public health institutions or organizations, and non-profit fire companies and rescue/EMS companies. The goodwill offering must be accepted in writing. An important goal in the award of goodwill offerings is to advance the University's educational mission.

c. Reconstruction

For some items it may be considered advantageous to use components of one unit to help reconstruct other similar units. This process may leave nothing more than an empty shell of no value. The remaining remnants of

the item may then be disposed of as waste. The decision to use this process belongs to the supervisor of those involved in the reconstruction process. The Surplus Property Manager must be notified when equipment is reconstructed, and before it is discarded. In all instances, if the item has a bar code tag number, it is necessary to report the status of the item to the Accounting Department (accounting@wcupa.edu) in order to remove the item from its records.

d. Sentimentality Sale

The Vice President for Finance and Administration and/or the University President may choose to recognize meritorious and exceptional service by providing the possibility for a retiree, or individuals who have distinguished themselves in service to the University, to purchase at fair market value an item deemed to have more sentimental worth to the individual than value to the University.

e. Extraordinary Value

Items that are perceived to have a potential extraordinary value (i.e. antiques, artwork, and memorabilia) will be handled separately. At the discretion of the Vice President for Finance and Administration and/or the President, the items will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Said auction may be held locally, via an on-line internet auction site, or items may be sent to a regional or national auction house where appropriate.

Definitions

- Accounting Department: Responsible for Asset Management within the Finance and Business Services team

- Surplus Property Manager: assist Facilities warehouse staff with coordination of plans for Surplus property

References

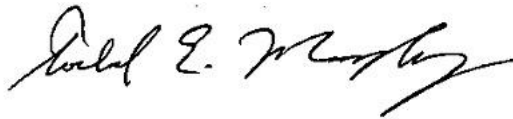
[State Adverse Interest Act](#)

[Title 62- Commonwealth Procurement Code](#)

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