Policy

University Policy FP-02.02-06/14

Policy Title: Tree Protection on Campus

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Responsible Office: Business, Finance, and Facilities

Reason for Policy/Purpose:

To ensure the preservation and replacement of trees as a part of the University's planned growth and development.

Background and Philosophy

The University of West Florida, a state-designated wildlife refuge, is committed to the preservation of existing trees and advocates new tree plantings to promote the education, public health, general welfare, the environment, and aesthetics of the University. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the preservation and replacement of trees as a part of the University's campus master planning process.

Policy Statement:

UWF will:

- Provide resources in a consistent and adequate program for maintaining and preserving trees.
- Consider placement of the trees in relation with all federal and state regulations, including the needs of the disabled, utilities, emergency vehicles, and trucks.
- Promote the diversity of its existing campus forest to avoid devastation of an individual species.
- Install automatic irrigation systems within availability of resources.
- Utilize strategies to encourage long tree life by planting and maintaining trees in a manner to maximize adequate growth, by structural soils, and root growth.
- Encourage the development of innovative strategies in places with limited space for the roots or the canopy and provide guidelines for root pruning.
- Communicate with the Division of Advancement prior to site work in locations with memorial trees. This Division maintains the Registry of Campus Memorial Trees.

A Tree Protection Plan will be included within construction, renovation, and utility projects.

APPROVED: Dr. Judith A. Bense, President Date: 6/16/14

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