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# EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

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## Facilities Management

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**Title:** Modification of University Facilities

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### **Introduction**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the modification of University facilities. For the purpose of this policy, modification means the implementation of any permanent physical changes to space owned or utilized by the University as well as any change of space assignment or a change of functional use of a space. This policy does not apply to requests to schedule events at University facilities because separate channels exist to request permission for such uses.

### **Scope**

All University space (whether interior or exterior and whether owned or leased) shall be subject to this policy.

### **Guidelines**

1. All University space is considered to be a physical asset with tangible value.
2. All University space is to be utilized efficiently and for the purpose for which it has been approved. Each department and division is responsible for effective and appropriate use of space assigned to them.
3. Space allocations will be determined based on documented needs and in compliance with University Strategic Plans, Master Plans, and THEC Space Allocation Guidelines to the greatest extent possible.
4. Modifications to University space must comply with all Tennessee Board of Regents policies as well as all applicable local, state, and federal regulations.
5. The University Chief Operating Officer shall be the final arbiter of space use for all University facilities.
6. Internal reassignments of space within a College or Department do not need to go through the COO unless there will be a change in functional use of the space. Deans are responsible for reporting internal reassignments to the Business Director so that the University Central Space Database can be updated when there is a change of College or Department assignment.
7. Changes of space assignments between two colleges or units must go through their respective Dean(s) and Vice President(s) for review and approval and then

- be forwarded to the Chief Operating Officer for final review and approval.
8. Changes to the functional use of space must be approved by the Chief Operating Officer.
  9. All renovation work must be approved by the Chief Operating Officer. Renovation work includes construction, painting, carpet installation, security cameras (see Fiscal Policy FP-34), and signage. Furniture installations are considered a renovation only when it will be permanently affixed.
  10. Modification or assignment of space that will be required to support grant activities must be approved prior to grant submission. For more detail, see the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Policy on Grant Proposals Requiring Space Allocation for Research, Service and Instructional Activities.

### **Procedures**

1. When a modification of space use is desired, the unit that desires the change (hereafter called the Requestor) is to fill-out a Renovation/Space Utilization Request Form (See Appendix A) and obtain signatures from the Chair (when applicable), the Dean (or Director), and the Vice President that presides over the unit initiating the request. The form is then to be submitted to the Business Director for review. The Renovation/Space Utilization Request Form can be found online at this address:  
[https://www.etsu.edu/facilities/documents/space\\_use\\_request\\_form\\_rev\\_09\\_09\\_2019.pdf](https://www.etsu.edu/facilities/documents/space_use_request_form_rev_09_09_2019.pdf)
2. Upon receipt of a Renovation/Space Utilization Request Form, the Business Director will assign it a Request Number, will log the request into the Renovation/Space Utilization Request Log, and will perform an initial review of the form to verify that it is complete and is ready for further processing. The Business Director will then notify the Requestor that the request has been received and that the form either can be processed as submitted or requires changes before further processing. An approximate assessment of processing time will also be provided to the Requestor.
3. Once a received form is determined to be complete and ready for processing, the Business Director will circulate the request to major divisions of the University that may be impacted by the request (Facilities Management, ITS, Environmental Health & Safety, Disability Services, Public Safety, Key Shop) to obtain feedback on any issues that the specific division might have relative to the request. The Director of Design, Renovation and Construction will prepare appropriate construction documents and cost estimate.
4. Once responses have been received from all notified divisions, a final review of the request will be provided and a draft recommendation will be developed and reviewed with the Requestor. If the Requestor desires to proceed, the Associate Vice President of Facilities Management, Planning, and Construction will review the recommendation and, if acceptable, will forward it to the Chief Operating Officer for final approval.
5. After a decision has been reached by the Chief Operating Officer, the Business Director will notify the Requestor of the decision in writing.
6. After the request has been approved, the Director of Design, Renovation & Construction will determine appropriate arrangements for executing the work,

- and will then oversee the execution of the work.
7. After the request is executed and complete, the Business Director will update the University Central Space Database to reflect any changes implemented by the request.

### **References**

Renovation/Space Utilization Request Form – [Accessibility Corrected PDF Policies\space use request form rev 09 18 2019.pdf](#)

Fiscal Policy FP-34 Security Camera Policy - <https://www.etsu.edu/bf/fp/34.php>

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### **Forms**

An example of a “Renovation/Space Utilization Form” is attached as Appendix A.

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