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Responsible Officer: Dean of University Libraries ||
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CELL PHONE POLICY

Policy Statement

The University of Southern Mississippi Libraries are committed to meeting the needs of library users by providing an environment conducive to study and research.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

This policy is required for the effective communication of university policy for the use of cell phones inside University Libraries.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

All patrons of the University Libraries.

Website Address for this Policy

www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-acaf-lib-002

Definitions

Policy/Procedures

Expressed concerns of faculty, staff, and students about the increased volume of noise related to cell phone use in library facilities have prompted the following guidelines:

- Turn off the ringer on your phone when entering a University Libraries facility.
- Conduct phone conversations in the lobby areas, stairwells, or outside the building.

- Do not conduct phone conversations in the Quiet Zones.

Inappropriate cell phone use should be reported to a library staff member at the nearest service desk. Individuals who do not comply with University Libraries policies may be asked to leave the library building. In some cases, University Police may be called to take charge of a situation involving non-compliance with library or university policies.

Review

The Dean of University Libraries is responsible for the review of this policy every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).

Forms/Instructions

N/A

Appendices

N/A

Related Information

N/A

History

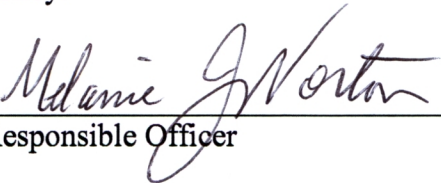
02/18/13: Formatted for template. Minor editing throughout.

05/02/2013: added “stairwells” as acceptable place for conducting phone conversations.

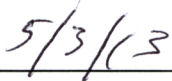
Authorization

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As the Responsible Officer, I have reviewed this policy and believe it represents the current policy.



Responsible Officer



Date