SPACE RESERVATION COSTS
Interior and exterior space adjacent to the Union shall be reserved through the Campus Scheduling office and is assigned in the order requests are received. Priority for use of the Union goes to University departments and registered organizations. Events hosted by student organizations and University departments AND where a substantial percentage of the anticipated audience is OU students, faculty, or staff may reserve rooms at the respective rates as shown on the website ou.edu/union.

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR FACILITY RESERVATIONS
Student organizations are required to have a valid student ID to reserve the room. Reserved space must be reserved for official University business.
Spaces referred to as “premium spaces” include the Molly Shi Boren Ballroom, Beaird Lounge, GRA Rooms (Governors, Regents, and Associates rooms combined) and Meacham Auditorium. Spaces referred to as “standard spaces” include all rooms not listed above as premium spaces.
The Union reserves the right to move any group to another space; however, every effort will be made to provide comparable space and services. The Will Rogers room may not be reserved before 5 p.m.

ADVANCED RESERVATION PROCEDURES
The deadline for submitting any reservation is three full working days prior to the event (e.g. If an event is planned for Monday, the request needs to be submitted no later than 5:00 PM the Wednesday before). Details on how to reserve space are listed below:
• University of Oklahoma departments and Non-University groups may request for space beyond the current academic year for up to 2 years in advance. Request for future reservations may be submitted immediately following the conclusion of the event during the current year.
  › Request for space beyond the current academic year will initially be recorded as tentative until the academic year of the reservation. Coinciding requests for the same space between University organizations for future reservations will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Programs scheduled more than one year in advance may not be guaranteed set pricing for services including equipment fees and staffing fees. The fee schedule is subject to change each fiscal year.
  › Space requests for more than 2 years in advance will require approval from the OMU Director or Assistant Director.
  › Reservations may be made through the online OU Reserve platform or by contacting union@ou.edu, 405-325-2121.
• Authorized representatives from Registered Student Organizations, in accordance with the Student Government Association policies, may submit requests for event space (excludes weekly, recurring meetings and study halls in free spaces) up to 1 year in advance.
  › Reservations must be made through the online OU Reserve platform.
• Registered Student Organizations may submit requests for recurring meetings/study halls up to 30 days in advance in free spaces. These recurring activities are limited to a maximum of 4 consecutive hours. Rooms are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, space permitting.
  › Any spaces that have a room rental fee may be reserved for recurring reservations up to 1 year in advance.
  › Reservations must be made through OU Reserve account.
• Individual reservations are available for current students, faculty and staff up to 7 days in advance. These reservations allow an individual to reserve space without association to an organization/department. Spaces are limited to the following spaces: Alma Wilson Room, John Houchin Room, Louise Houchin Room and Presidents Room.
  › Special setups are not allowed in individual reservations. Existing furniture is all that is available for these reservations.
  › Individual reservations may not be used for the solicitation of products.
  › Individual may not use this reservation that would in any way violate Union Room reservations policies and procedures.
  › Please note that the Union’s room cancellation policy applies to these spaces. Failure to cancel reservations at least 48 hours in advance may result in the loss of future booking privileges.
  › Reservations must be made through the online OU Reserve platform.

TABLING SPACE
Tabling space on the first floor of the Union is available for the distribution of information regarding University events. Table space shall be reserved through the Campus Scheduling office and is assigned in the order requests are received. Reservations must be made through the online OU Reserve platform.
Groups must check-in (via OU Reserve, phone, or in person) with Campus Scheduling office upon arrival each day.
If items will be sold at the table, the organization must apply for a solicitation permit in the Campus Scheduling office (see below). Posters and/or other materials including literature must be confined to the table area and may not be attached to the wall or other places throughout the building. The use of tape,
nails, staples or tacks is strictly prohibited. Any damage to the building surfaces will result in a damage fee being charged to the group and possible loss of tabling privileges. Persons staffing the table must stay behind the table. Special permission from the Campus Scheduling office must be obtained for sales or distribution of food or beverages. Student organizations and University departments may not sponsor outside groups, contractors, vendors, or organizations. Soliciting or distributing information is not permitted in or around the Union without reserving a table or room.

**PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Union will supply podiums, chalkboards, and easels on a complimentary basis upon request. Additional A/V equipment, uplighting and pianos are available for rent. Pianos are tuned every other month; however, customers may request that a piano be tuned at an unscheduled time for an additional fee. Setup and equipment needs should be requested at least three full working days prior to the event. Requests are assigned in the order they are received; therefore, late requests cannot always be honored due to equipment, staff and time limitations. If equipment is not available, the customer will be notified. Equipment is for use inside the Oklahoma Memorial Union only; equipment is not available for rental use outside of the Oklahoma Memorial Union. Price quotations given for technical fees and/or audiovisual rentals more than three months in advance are subject to change.

**ROOM CONDITIONS AND TIMES AVAILABLE**

Meeting rooms will be available approximately one-half hour before the scheduled event. The condition of all meeting rooms and multi-purpose rooms in the Union is checked before and after each event. Furniture in any of the rooms should not be removed or rearranged. Any adjustments in room arrangements should be made through the Campus Scheduling office or the Building Manager by calling (405) 325-2121 during regular business hours and (405) 255-1294 after-hours and on weekends. Courtesy phones, available to contact Union staff, are located on the first floor at the north end in the foyer and at the south end near the elevator, on the second floor at the south end in front of Meacham Auditorium and in Beard Lounge, on the mezzanine in the George Sutton Foyer, and on the third floor at the north end across from the Regents room.

Persons and organizations using the space are held responsible for leaving the room in the same condition in which it was found. Student organizations and University departments may not sponsor outside groups, contractors, vendors, or organizations. Soliciting or distributing information is only permitted by reserving a tabling space or room and is not permitted elsewhere in or around the Union.

**FRONTING**

Registered student organizations, or University departments may not serve as “fronts” for other groups in order to obtain free or reduced rates on meeting spaces for any outside organization or off-campus user. An outside organization event is one in which over 50% event attendees is comprised of off-campus people having no affiliation with the University. If fronting is discovered, non-university rental rates will apply. University departments and student organizations may co-sponsor events with off-campus organizations in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The event or meeting must be planned and managed by an OU registered student organization or University department. Members of the organization or department must also be the point of contact in communication with the Union Business Office.
- A majority of those attending events scheduled by a student organization or University department are expected to be University of Oklahoma students, faculty or staff, or have a legitimate connection to the organization or University department.
- The mission of the outside group relates to the on-campus group.

The Oklahoma Memorial Union will make the determination as to on-campus vs. off-campus sponsorship by considering the nature of the event, past experience with respect to similar events, type and the nature of attendees.

**UNIVERSITY SOLICITATION PERMIT**

A solicitation permit is required when student organizations or University departments are collecting money (e.g., a philanthropy, fund raiser, ticket sales of University related events, subscription sales of official University of Oklahoma publications or sale of other approved items). The solicitation permit form must be completed and returned to the Campus Scheduling office, and a nominal daily fee will be charged. Purchase order or payment must be received prior to the event. Any items with the OU logos or University name must have prior approval from the OU Office of Trademark and Licensing. For permission to use logos, contact OU Marketing and Promotions, 3545 Gaylord Family-OK Memorial Stadium or call (405) 325-7811.

The Meacham Auditorium ticket booth is available for reservation by registered student organizations and University departments to sell or distribute tickets for University events. A solicitation permit is required for its use (see below). Literature and flyers may only be distributed from the reserved booth space.

**SALES/FUNDRAISING**

Student organizations and University departments may host Non-University vendors or contractors to sell merchandise when the organization or department reserves a room for official OU use and the selling is supplemental to the event, not the primary use of the room (i.e., room may be reserved for guest speaker and guest speaker is allowed to sell his book, or room may be reserved for a conference and supplemental conference materials may be sold). All Non-University vendors and contractors must be pre-approved by the Campus Scheduling office. Any Non-University vendor or contractor may be asked to leave the Union at the Union Administration’s discretion. Sales of food or beverages will not be permitted.

As the Oklahoma Memorial Union is a State entity, no fundraising for political parties, campaigns, or candidates may take place in our facility. If the public at large (versus the University community) is invited to a political event, Non-University pricing must be charged, per IRS regulations.
ACADEMIC CLASSES
Regular classes may not be held in the Oklahoma Memorial Union on the basis that the university assigns classroom space in designated classroom buildings for regularly scheduled classes; OMU facilities are reserved for gatherings which are not scheduled as regular class or academic activities. For-credit academic classes may request use of the Oklahoma Memorial Union on a temporary, emergency basis only. Written explanation needs to accompany request showing that space was not available through room scheduling. Special requests require approval from the OMU Director.

DECORATING POLICY
All decorations must adhere to the Oklahoma Memorial Union and University of Oklahoma decorating policies found online at ou.edu/union/planyourevent/decor. It is the intent of these policies to protect our customers by adhering to fire safety regulations. All decorations must be pre-approved by the Campus Scheduling office. Prohibited decorations/materials may not be used in interior or exterior spaces unless otherwise noted:

- The use of flammable materials, such as straw, hay and evergreens is prohibited.
- No torches or lanterns are allowed on Union premises, including exterior space.
- No crepe paper, tissue paper, paper ribbon, glitter or confetti can be used.
- Lighting devices using open flame, such as tiki lamps, oil lamps and torches are not allowed.
- Candles may be used if they are enclosed in a tip-resistant, noncombustible container, and the flame is ½" below the top of the container.
- Anything in an aerosol can is prohibited (Example: spray glue, spray paint, etc.)
- Fog machines/hazers are prohibited.
- No items can be attached to the walls or hung from the ceiling. The use of tape, nails, staples or tacks is strictly prohibited. Any damages to the building surfaces will result in a damage fee.
- Alteration of existing Union decoration is prohibited.
- If Union-owned decorations/materials are requested, there will be a fee for each item not returned or returned damaged or dirty.

Any violation of the above rules will result in a damage charge and/or loss of reservation privileges.

PROMOTIONS

SIGNS AND POSTERS
Temporary signs and posters may be placed on the bulletin board in the Union. The bulletin board will be cleaned on the 1st and 15th of each month. The Union will immediately remove signs placed on doors, glass, and walls. Damage to any Union building surface will result in a damage fee charged to the group or person.

DIGITAL SCREEN
Organizations hosting events in the Union may submit promotional materials to be displayed on info screens in the OMU. Promotional materials will display the same day of the event. Materials should be designed as described on the request form. Designs should focus on clearness and readability. Requests for digital screen displays may be submitted online at ou.edu/union/planyourevent/decor no later than 3 days before the event.

MEACHAM TECHNICIAN
A Meacham technician is required during all times Meacham Auditorium is in use. An hourly fee will be charged for the technician.

SECURITY PERSONNEL
Security is required for student events that fall under the Student Affairs “Open Social Event Policy” located online at ou.edu/studentlife and student dances, or it can be arranged at the host’s request. All security must be arranged through the Campus Scheduling office. The Oklahoma Memorial Union will employ one security person per 50 people attending the function, at prevailing rates and the Union’s discretion. The organization or department will be charged for any fees involved. The Union reserves the right to require an additional number of security officers for any event.

CATERING
Arrangements for catering and refreshments must be coordinated through the Campus Scheduling office at least five full working days prior to the event. Pursuant to existing contracts, University Catering provides exclusive catering services for the Union. No outside food or beverages are allowed. Violation of this policy will result in a fine and/or loss of reservation privileges. Any catering price quotation given more than three months in advance may be subject to change.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION MENU
The Student Organization Menu is only available to registered student organizations holding events in the Union. No deliveries outside the Union are provided with the student menu. Unless prior arrangements are made with the Campus Scheduling office, items from the Student Organization Menu must be paid with a student organization account purchase order, credit card (tax applied) or the organization’s checking account three full working days prior to the event. Contact the Campus Scheduling office, items from the Student Organization Menu must be paid with a student organization account purchase order, credit card (tax applied) or the organization’s checking account three full working days prior to the event. Contact the Campus Scheduling office or visit ou.edu/scheduling for current menu and pricing information; prices and items change each semester.

CATERING GUARANTEE
A final guarantee (number of attendees) for catered events must be given to the Campus Scheduling office three complete working days prior to the event. (Example: if an event is planned for Wednesday, the guarantee must be in no later than noon the Friday before. A final guarantee for events held on Monday must be given by noon on the Wednesday prior to the event.) If no guarantee is received, preparations will be made for the total number estimated at the time the menu was ordered. The final charges will be for no less than the guaranteed number. If it is necessary to set up additional space at the time of the function, an added setup charge may be applied. Any addition to the guarantee less than five full working days prior to the function will result in an additional charge of $1.50 per person.
CATERING CANCELLATION POLICY
Cancellations must be made two full working days prior to the event. Cancellation 25-47 hours prior to the event will result in a 30% cancellation fee based upon the final guarantee. Cancellation 24 hours or less prior to the event will be charged 100% of the order.

STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES
State and federal taxes will be charged when applicable.

CATERING OUTSIDE THE UNION
University Catering services are available outside of the Union and off campus in the Norman area. Charges will be assessed for deliveries on and off campus.

DELAY IN SERVICE
An additional labor charge may be assessed if the serving time or departure time is delayed more than 30 minutes through no fault of the Union or University Catering. This will be figured on a per hour fee for the total number of staff covering the event.

ALCOHOL SERVICE
Arrangements for alcohol service must be coordinated through the Campus Scheduling office at least two weeks prior to the event. Vendors must be approved by the Campus Scheduling staff. The serving of alcoholic beverages will comply with the laws of the State of Oklahoma. Alcohol service will stop at midnight, and the license holder reserves the right to refuse alcohol service to any individual or group. Under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, no alcohol may be brought into or taken out of the building by a customer at any time. Student organizations requesting alcohol service at events must follow the Student Affairs’ Student Alcohol Policy. All applicable sales and mixed beverage taxes will apply.

ALCOHOL AT STUDENT EVENTS
The following policies have been developed to ensure the responsible use of alcohol at events in the Oklahoma Memorial Union. Stricter adherence of Oklahoma State law will be enforced by the approved vendor, OMU personnel, and security providers. Student organizations requesting alcohol service at events are subject to the University of Oklahoma’s Student Alcohol Policy found at www.ou.edu/studentlife.

• The serving of alcoholic beverages will comply with the laws of the State of Oklahoma.
• No one under the age of 21 years will be served any alcoholic beverage.
• Anyone who is intoxicated or is demonstrating negative behavior will not be served an alcoholic beverage and may be asked to vacate the premises.
• An “Alcohol Event Notification Form” found at www.ou.edu/studentlife must be completed, signed by the student organization advisor, and turned into Student Life.
• Events where alcohol is being served is restricted to Friday and Saturday nights.
• Arrangements for alcohol service must be made through the Campus Scheduling office and Student Life. Requests for alcohol service must be made at least two (2) weeks prior to the event.
• All security must be arranged through the Campus Scheduling office. The Union will employ one person for every 50 people attending the event at prevailing rates. The Union may require an additional number of security officers for an event, at our discretion.
• Procedures for identification and determination of a student’s age will be performed by the hired security guard. This will be conducted in an area adjacent to but separate from the sale of alcoholic beverages.
• A driver’s license with a photo identification and birth date is required to obtain a wristband to purchase alcoholic beverages. The security guard may require an additional form of identification at his discretion.
• Wristbands will be applied immediately after proof of age is ascertained. Alcoholic beverages will not be sold to any one not wearing a wristband. Only guests with wristbands will be served alcoholic beverages.
• Guests may purchase only one drink at a time.
• No “all you can drink” or “open bar” events will be allowed. Cash bars only.
• Any group serving alcoholic beverages is required to provide non-alcoholic beverages and some type of food provided by University Catering.
• The consumption of alcoholic beverages will be contained to the area in which the event is occurring.
• The sponsoring student organization must designate a sponsor or advisor to supervise the event at which alcohol is served. This person must be at least 21 years of age, be responsible for the management of the event, and must be present at all times. The designated person must check-in with the bartender before the event starts and once each hour for the duration of the event.
• The sale of alcoholic beverages will end 1.5 hours before the event is scheduled to end or by 12 a.m., whichever comes first.
• Under no circumstances may publicity mention the serving of alcoholic beverages.
• Special service charges will apply in the event the reserved space requires an extra clean-up, non-customary set-up, or if the facility is damaged in any way.

SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES
Special service charges will apply in the event the reserved space requires an extra clean up, non-customary setup, or if the facility is damaged in any way. Charges will be assessed for excessive litter, and therefore, unusual cleanup caused by decorations and/or literature. Tape, nails or tacks cannot be put on any surface of the Union building. Any damage to any surface will result in a damage fee, and the offending item will be immediately removed.

OVERTIME
A charge of $75 per hour will be applied to any group or function requiring the room(s) to remain open after 3 a.m., or any portion thereof (Example: If you event ends at 3 a.m. or later, you will be charged the overtime fee).

HOLIDAY CHARGES
There will be an additional 25% service charge applied to the total bill for events scheduled on official University holidays.
A University holiday schedule is available in the Campus Scheduling office upon request or can be found at www.hr.ou.edu/benefits/LeaveHolidays.asp.

PAYMENT OF SERVICE
A purchase order or full payment of the total estimated cost of the function is required three full working days in advance of the event. Any additional charges for food, alcohol, technical fees, audiovisual rentals or damages not covered by an advance payment must be paid within 30 days after the function. Any reservation request submitted by an organization or department with an outstanding debt will automatically be rejected. The balance must be paid in full before the request will be processed. Failure to pay the account in full will result in the account being turned over to University Collections.

FACILITY CANCELLATIONS
Reserved space must be canceled by contacting the Campus Scheduling Office. A 72-hour notice of cancellation is necessary to avoid service charges.

For groups holding premium spaces, cancellations for the reserved space must be received at least 30 days prior to the event date. Cancellations received within 30 days of the premium space event date will be issued a no-show for the canceled spaces.

The Campus Scheduling Office reserves the right to cancel a reservation if it conflicts with standard operating procedures or University, local, state, federal laws, policies and procedures regarding events on campus, or in case of an emergency.

NO-SHOW POLICY
When a group or individual does not utilize a room reservation and does not communicate to the Campus Scheduling Office in the timely manner described above, the group or individual has committed a “no-show”. Reserved space is considered abandoned after 30 minutes have passed from the scheduled start of the reservation and will result in a no-show. Upon a no-show, the offending organization is subject to the following:

- A warning is issued for the first no-show of the semester and documented on the reserving group’s account.
- A final warning is issued for the second no-show of the semester and documented on the reserving group’s account.
- A third no-show violation will result in suspension of the organization from reserving space in the Henderson-Tolson Cultural Center, Jim Thorpe Multicultural Center, or Oklahoma Memorial

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER
When the University is closed due to inclement weather, events in the Oklahoma Memorial Union hosted by University departments and registered student organizations and University Catering orders will automatically be canceled. University departments and registered student organizations will not be charged for food orders on inclement weather dates.

Every effort will be made by the OMU reservationists to contact groups that have events scheduled. Groups may also call 325-2121 to speak to a reservationist or leave a voicemail message. Voicemail is checked by OMU staff on a regular basis throughout the day.

If the event is rescheduled for a later date, the full rates for food will be charged for the rescheduled date’s event.

PARKING CENTER
Access to the Parking Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Hourly rates apply during staffed hours. The Campus Scheduling office works in conjunction with the office of Parking & Transportation to make special arrangements for guest parking - hourly passes may be purchased or the entire garage may be rented. The Parking Center will be closed to the public on home football game days and when the Union hosts special events.

LIABILITY
The sponsor or advisor shall be responsible for the activities and actions of their guests and agents. The sponsoring group is responsible for any and all damages. The Union reserves the right to inspect and control all functions. The Union will not assume responsibility for the damage to, or loss of, any merchandise or personal property.

Activities taking place in the Union may not include unnecessarily risky activities for the safety of guests and preservation of Union resources; unnecessarily risky activities include any type of contact sport.

Some types of events require liability insurance. Please check with your advisor and review the Risk Management Policy for Student Organizations found at www.ou.edu/studentlife.