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SUBJECT: Presidential Directive 2007-06 (Supersedes PD 90-01)
Campus Non-Motorized Vehicles Policy

History:

This Presidential Directive has been developed in response to concerns that over the past 15 years, changes in the campus population and the replacement of several streets with campus malls and paseos have made the existing bicycle and skateboard policy (PD 90-01) obsolete.

In an attempt to balance public safety concerns involving the use of non-motorized vehicles on campus with practices that encourage using alternate means of transportation that reduce our dependence on motor vehicles, the Parking, Traffic and Transit Advisory Committee (PTTAC, PD-99-02 and PD-07-05) has studied these matters and made recommendations on the revision of PD-90-01). The policy developed by the PTTAC has been reviewed by the University Police Department, the Disability Resource Center and the President's staff.

The following Presidential Directive is essentially the policy recommended by the Parking, Traffic and Transit Advisory Committee with some modifications suggested by others.

Presidential Directive 2007-06 can be found online at
www.sjsu.edu/president/directives.

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Presidential Directive 2007-06

Campus Non-Motorized Vehicles Policy (Supersedes PD 90-01)

The purpose of this policy is to regulate and promote the safe use of non-motorized vehicles on campus grounds. By allowing the use of non-motorized vehicles on the campus grounds, the University is encouraging community members to reduce its dependence on motor vehicles as a means of transportation to and from the campus. This reduces traffic congestion, pollution, parking demand and the consumption of fossil fuels.

A. Definition:

For the purpose of this policy, a “Non-Motorized Vehicle” is any device upon which any person may ride and is propelled by human power. These devices are otherwise commonly known as bicycles, unicycles, skateboards, roller/inline skates, scooters and other similar devices.

B. Campus Riding Regulations:

Non-motorized vehicle riders shall follow these “common courtesy” rules:

1. Always yield to pedestrians.
2. Drive at an appropriate speed according to existing conditions, not to exceed the campus speed limit for all vehicles of five (5) mph.
3. Drive in an appropriate manner that does not interfere with pedestrians or campus facilities vehicular traffic.
4. Walk vehicle when there is no clear path ahead, such as when a walkway is too crowded with pedestrians or other obstructions.
5. Do not ride in an acrobatic or stunting manner, i.e. activities causing one or more sets of wheels to leave the ground or other surfaces intended for pedestrian or vehicular travel.
6. Do not ride on stairs; ramps, railings, vegetation, benches, tables, planters, or other surface not intended for vehicular travel.
7. Do not ride inside University buildings.
8. Dismount and walk vehicle where appropriate signs are posted. Posted dismount areas will be high pedestrian traffic areas with small or obstructed pathways. Designated dismount areas will be in affect between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.

C. Parking:

1. Non-motorized vehicles shall not be locked to trees, poles, handrails, buildings, fences, etc. They shall only be parked in posted designated areas.
2. Bicycles are not permitted in buildings unless in a private office, closet, or enclosure where they are not blocking any walkway or exit or building electrical or mechanical equipment.
3. Illegally parked vehicles may be impounded and a release fee charged.

D. Exceptions:

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the operation of non-motorized vehicles that is authorized by another University policy.

E. Penalties:

1. For Faculty, Staff, Students, and other persons affiliated with the University:

Penalties may range from a verbal warning with a record of the contact being kept at the University Police Department, to the issuance of a citation for the appropriate moving violation. The matter may also be referred to the appropriate campus disciplinary group.

2. For Non-Affiliated Persons:

Penalties may range from a verbal warning with a record of the contact being kept at the University Police Department to the issuance of a citation. It could also result in the withdrawal of consent to remain on University property.

F. Emergency Clause:

The University President or his/her designee at anytime may prohibit the use of any or all vehicles in all or specific areas of campus grounds during an emergency or special event.

G. Exclusions:

Students with disabilities who are registered with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) and use alternative devices are excluded from this policy.