**Policy Title:** Policy #: FIN-19001 Food and Beverage Catering Minimums

**Effective:** 07/01/2024 **Responsible Office: University Dining Services** 

Date 05/20/2024 Approval: Executive Vice President and Chief Operating

Officer Approved:

N/A **Executive Director of Dining Services** Replaces Responsible

**Policy Dated: University Official:** 

## **PURPOSE:**

The implementation of a minimum order policy by University Catering is designed to maximize resources, curate diverse and high-quality menus, and deliver the best possible service for all university events.

## **SCOPE:**

This policy applies to anyone who requests University of Richmond Catering Services, both Internal Customers as well as External Customers.

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#### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

*FIN-19001.1 – Definitions* 

**Internal Customers:** Departments within the University of Richmond, including student organizations, which utilize Catering Services and pay using University resources. (Direct transfer of funds from a university account to the Catering account.)

External Customers: Individuals, companies, or organizations that are not University departments, student organizations, or athletic programs within the University of Richmond and utilize University Catering Services. External Customers are responsible for all city and state taxes as well as catering fees. These invoices are paid in cash, check, or credit card.

**Approved Vendor**: Food & beverage vendors pre-approved by Campus Business Services.

*FIN-19001.2 – Policy* 

# A. Catering Minimums

Both internal and external customers that wish to utilize University Catering Services must place a minimum order of \$150 for food and beverages. In addition, a 20-person minimum is required for the following catering menus:

- o Continental Breakfast, Buffet Breakfast & Served Breakfast
- o Buffet Lunch, Cold Plated Lunch
- Buffet & Seated Dinner
- o Receptions

There is no minimum required for ordering boxed lunches.

If these minimums are not met, customers can use the Pick-Up Menu and pick up their order from the Heilman Dining Center. Alternatively, clients may utilize a vendor from the Approved Vendor List in addition to completing the Food Waiver form.

Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Executive Director of University Dining Services.

### **B.** Use of Outside Vendors

Internal and external customers hosting an event in a University space may only use catering services from University Catering or an Approved Vendor.

A Food Waiver Form must be completed and approved before hosting an event at the University of Richmond using an off-campus vendor for catering services.

An Off-Premise Vendor can only work in the Jepson Alumni Center or Bottomley House if a the University of Richmond Catering Department declines the event. The event must also have been submitted for approval in the Event Management System (EMS); complete and receive approval using the Food Waiver Form; and only utilize a vendor from the Approved Vendor list.

Approved Vendors are prohibited from using any University Kitchens, Kitchenettes, spaces controlled by the University Catering Department, or any Retail Location Kitchens. Use of any catering or retail equipment is not allowed without expressed written consent by the Director of Catering or the Executive Director of Dining. This includes access to all service ware, coffee makers, coolers and other kitchen equipment, mobile kitchen trash receptacles, water, and/or ice. These spaces include, but are not limited to, the following spaces:

- Jepson Alumni Center & Bottomley House Catering Kitchen and Back Catering Hallway
- o Gottwald Center Catering Kitchenette
- o Richmond Room/HDC Catering Pantry
- o Tyler Haynes Catering Kitchen/Tyler's Grill Kitchen
- International Commons/Passports Kitchen
- Humanities Commons Kitchenette
- o Robins Center Catering Kitchens on Terrace Level
- o Robins Stadium Club Level Kitchen and Skybox (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) Kitchen
- Modlin Center Catering Kitchen
- Well-Being Center/FlavUR Kitchen
- o Boatwright Library/8:15 at Boatwright Café Kitchen
- o Queally Welcome Center Catering Kitchen
- o Weinstein Hall Brown Alley Catering Kitchen
- o Westhampton Center Living Room Kitchenette

# FIN-19001.3 –Roles and Responsibilities

<b>Director of University Catering</b>	Responsible for communicating and enforcing the policy to dining and catering staff as needed.
Office & Catering Specialist Event Managers Catering Support Coordinators	Responsible for communicating the policy to internal and external customers.
<b>Executive Director of Dining Services</b>	Responsible for approving exceptions to the policy.

### **POLICY CONTACTS:**

Director of University Catering Assistant Director of University Catering Dining Services Office & Catering Specialist