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Central Health and Safety Committee

Draft Bicycle WAC Revision Ideas**Approved for Campus Discussion and Comment on 02-20-07****Re-approved following open forums and FAST request for comment on 05-30-07****Bicycles**

Bicycles are a preferred form of transportation and are encouraged. However, bicyclists must comply with the following elements:

Bicyclists must remember that pedestrians ALWAYS have the right of way.

Bicyclists MUST NOT:

- Ride recklessly. Reckless riding is always prohibited everywhere on campus.
- Ride in University buildings or on stairs, railings, benches, rocks or other outdoor elements.
- Perform trick-riding, jumping, or other types of acrobatic riding. Requests for exceptions to this policy for programmed events must be made in writing to the Director of Viking Union Facilities for review and approval.

Bicyclists MUST:

- Follow the City and State traffic laws and the WWU Bicycle Responsibility Code.
- Dismount and walk in Red Square, the core pedestrian area on campus, between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on regular class days.
- Ride under the following conditions all times in all other locations of campus:
 - Share pedestrian spaces and walkways only at pedestrian **walking speeds** (3 miles per hour) within 10 feet of any pedestrian or areas congested with pedestrians. Otherwise, speeds are limited to pedestrian **jogging speeds** (5-7 miles per hour) maximum.
 - Travel at or under the speed limit on parking lots and campus-owned roads which include the Service Road and East College Way.

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- Share bicycle lanes on campus-owned roads with skateboards and longboards going the same speed. This includes bicycle lanes on the Service Road and East College Way.
- Be financially responsible for damage to persons or property resulting from their bicycling on campus.

The above elements do not apply to electric or manual wheelchairs.

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Draft Skateboard WAC Revision Ideas

Approved for Campus Discussion and Comment on 02-20-06

Skates, Skateboards, Longboards, Scooters, and other Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices

Persons are encouraged to use the above devices for transportation on campus. However, use of such devices is a privilege, not a right, so users must comply with the following elements:

Users must remember that pedestrians ALWAYS have the right of way.

Users MUST NOT:

- Ride recklessly. Reckless riding is always prohibited.
- Ride on stairs, railings, benches, rocks or other outdoor elements.
- Do trick-riding, jumping, or performing other types of acrobatic riding. Requests for exceptions to this policy for programmed events must be made in writing to the Director of Viking Union Facilities for review and approval.

Users MUST:

- Use devices on campus for transportation use only – to, from and around campus.
- Dismount and walk in Red Square, the core pedestrian area on campus, between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on regular class days.
- Share pedestrian spaces and walkways only at pedestrian **walking speeds** (3 miles per hour) within 10 feet of any pedestrian or areas congested with pedestrians. Otherwise, speeds are limited to pedestrian **jogging speeds** (5-7 miles per hour) maximum. No slalom riding is allowed.
- May share bicycle lanes on campus-owned roads with bicycles but only if a speed can be sustained that is approximately the same speed as the bicycles with no slalom riding. These roads are the Service Road and East College Way. This does NOT apply to High Street or other City streets, which are governed by City code prohibiting skateboard and longboards.
- Always travel at or under the speed limit in parking lots and bicycle lanes on private campus roads including the Service Road and East College Way.

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- Use soft wheels to minimize damage to bricks and concrete surfaces and to reduce noise.
- Be financially responsible for damage to persons or property caused by the use of these devices on campus.

The above elements do not apply to electric or manual wheelchairs.

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This policy applies to all individuals riding, walking, parking, or otherwise operating a bicycle on campus. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safe operation, use, and parking of bicycles on the campus.

See WAC 516-13 Bicycle Traffic and Parking for specific details on rules and regulations

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This policy does not apply to motorized bicycles and mini-motorcycles, which are considered to be motorcycles and are subject to all traffic rules and regulations controlling motorcycles.

1. Bicycles are a Preferred Form of Alternative Transportation

Bicycles are an essential component of a sustainable transportation system, providing safe and equitable access to and around campus by all users. They are a preferred form of transportation in the University's Institutional Master Plan.

Bicycle use also encourages the reduction of commute trips among employees who drive single occupancy vehicles to, from, and/or on campus.

2. Pedestrians Have the Right-of-Way

Bicyclists must use caution when riding bicycles on campus. Especially in high traffic pedestrian areas, bicyclist must keep in mind that pedestrians always have the right-of-way and that the safety of WWU pedestrians is vital.

3. Mutual respect between all transportation modes is essential

Respect and consideration for others on campus is a critical requirement for having different modes of transportation mix within a congested campus. The safety of pedestrians and cyclists depends on every person being careful and aware of their surroundings. Every person is strongly urged to watch out for the safety of others, especially those using more vulnerable modes to get to and around campus.

Departments on campus are strongly encouraged to provide educational opportunities for students in these aspects of transportation safety and sustainability.

4. Bicycle Operation and Parking on Campus is Regulated

It is the responsibility of bicyclists to use bicycles on campus for transportation only in compliance with WAC 516-13 and the WWU Bicycle Responsibility Code; to use them to and from campus in compliance with City of Bellingham bicycle regulations; and use them in compliance with any other applicable rule or regulation.

Bicyclists must comply with University designated dismount zones, speed limits, use limitations and other safety precautions for bicycles as described in WAC 516-13.

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5. Bicycle Rules and Regulations will be Enforced

A bicyclist who violates applicable rules and regulations may be issued a university notice of infraction (NOI) by the University Police or a citation from other applicable law enforcement agency.

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USING SKATEBOARDS, SKATES, LONGBOARDS, FOOT SCOOTERS, AND ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES (EPAMD) ON CAMPUS

This policy applies to all individuals riding, skating, parking or otherwise operating a skateboard, longboard, foot scooter, electric personal assistive mobility device or similar devices on campus property.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safe operation, use and parking of these devices on campus.

This policy does not apply to electric or manual wheel-chairs. It does apply to motorized skateboards and foot scooters, which are considered to be motorcycles and are subject to all traffic rules and regulations controlling motorcycles.

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See WAC 516-15 Skateboard, skate, longboard, foot scooter and electric personal assistive mobility devices (EPAMD) for specific details on rules and regulations.

2. **Skateboards, Skates, Longboards, Foot Scooters, EPAMDs, and Similar Devices are Sustainable Forms of Alternative Transportation**

The University recognizes the use of these or similar devices as sustainable, alternative forms of transportation. They are easily portable, require little if any storage space, and provide the user relatively fast, energy-efficient transportation and equitable access to and/or around campus.

3. **Pedestrians Always Have the Right-of-Way**

Users of these or similar devices must use caution when riding or skating on campus. Especially in high traffic pedestrian areas, riders must keep in mind that pedestrians always have the right-of-way and that the safety of WWU pedestrians is vital.

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4. Mutual respect between all transportation modes is essential

Respect and consideration for others on campus is a critical requirement for having different modes of transportation mix within a congested campus. The safety of pedestrians, cyclists, boarders and those using other devices depends on every person being careful and aware of their surroundings. Every person is strongly urged to watch out for the safety of others, especially those using more vulnerable modes to get to and around campus.

Departments on campus are strongly encouraged to provide educational opportunities for students in these aspects of transportation safety and sustainability.

5. Operation and Parking on Campus is Regulated

It is the responsibility of users of these or similar devices to use them on campus for transportation only in compliance with WAC 516-15; use them for transportation to and from campus in compliance with the city of Bellingham Municipal Code 11.52; and use them in compliance to any other applicable rule or regulation.

Users must comply with University designated dismount zones, speed limits, use limitations and other safety precautions for these and similar devices as described in WAC 516-15.

4. Rules and Regulations will be Enforced

A user of these or similar devices who violates applicable rules and regulations may be issued a university Notice of Infraction (NOI) by University Police or a citation from other applicable law enforcement agency.

5. Exceptions

Requests for exceptions to this policy for programmed events involving the use of these or similar devices must be made in writing to the Viking Union Facilities Director for review and approval.