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Administrative Policy
GIFT ACCEPTANCE and ACCOUNTING

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President's Advisory Council

This directive provides guidelines regarding gifts received by Millersville University, the acceptance, acknowledgement and processing of such gifts and bequests and ensures that they are properly acknowledged and accounted for.

Definitions

Gifts are cash, pledges, securities, trusts, insurance policies, real estate, and other gifts in kind.

Responsibilities

The departments or individuals receiving gifts will have the gifts promptly forwarded to the University Advancement Office for processing. All documents from the donor, including the gift and written correspondence indicating the purpose of the gift, will be forwarded for processing. To the extent possible, all gifts being forwarded to the University Advancement Office should be hand-carried. Advancement Office personnel will cooperate with other departments to pick up such gifts if necessary. In situations when it would be impractical or an unnecessary delay would result in forwarding a gift to the University Advancement Office, gifts may be deposited directly to the appropriate account at the Bursar's Office. When this occurs, a photocopy of the check and all other documents from the donor must be forwarded to University Advancement by the originating department. All "gifts in kind" will be reported to University Advancement as soon as practical and related documents from the donor pertaining to the gift will be forwarded for processing.

The University Advancement Office will record all gifts and maintain records to include such information as the name and address of the donor, the intent of the donor, and the amount or determined value of the gift. The University Advancement Office will prepare a Report of Collections form on a daily basis and deposit all gifts to the appropriate account at the Bursar's Office. One copy of the Report of Collections form will be forwarded to the Bursar's Office with the gift and one copy will be retained by the University Advancement Office for its records. The receipt of all gifts will be officially acknowledged by University Advancement. Letters of acknowledgement and thanks may also be prepared by the appropriate departments or individuals, and copies of such letters should be forwarded to University Advancement.

The Bursar's Office will take all monetary gifts and promptly deposit them and invest as appropriate. Gifts will be credited to the appropriate account and necessary records will be maintained for accounting and reporting purposes.