Food Purchasing 101

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Learning Outcomes

- Understand the requirements for purchasing food utilizing institutional funds
- Understand what constitutes an employee group meal and how to purchase food for this purpose
- Understand the requirements for conducting an off-campus retreat
- Understand when foundation funds can be used for food purchases
- Understand how to process a payment request for food purchased through DineWest using institutional or foundation funds
- Understand how to process a payment request for food purchased from an outside vendor
Food Purchases with Institutional Funds
Procedural Guidelines

• **USG Business Procedure Manual** – Section 19.7 and 19.8

• **Food Purchases with Institutional Funds** Guideline – UWG Controller Website
  ➢ Food Purchase with Institutional Funds Form

• **Employee Group Meals** Guideline – UWG Controller Website
General Guidelines

• Rules may differ based upon the capacity in which the individual participates in an event
• Funding source for expense should match supported program and participants
• Per diem limits apply to food purchases and is inclusive of applicable tax and gratuity (as per BPM 4.3)
• Alcohol is **NOT** allowed
• Purchase of food with PCARD is not allowed unless specifically allowed in the PCARD policy manual
Food Purchased for Students

• Who are students?
  ➢ Individuals enrolled in classes for credit
  ➢ Individuals enrolled in continuing education classes
  ➢ Individuals recruited as potential students
Examples of Events involving Food Purchases for Students

- Sanctioned student events including recognized student group events, athletic team events and other events open to general student body
- Class where food is an integral part of the institutional methodology
- Events designed to encourage a student to attend the institution
  - Food for athletic recruits are subject to athletic conference rules
Who are volunteers?

- Individuals who provide a benefit to the institution without receiving compensation
Example of Events involving Food Purchases for Volunteers

• Voluntary advisory board meetings
  ➢ Food for volunteer appreciation or recognition is not allowed
Food Purchased for Employees

- Who are employees?
  - Full-time, part-time or temporary faculty, staff and administrators
  - Resident Assistants (RA’s)
  - Student assistants and other student workers
Example of Events involving Food Purchases for Employees

- Safety purposes – water or other hydration products that are needed to prevent serious harm to the employee while at work
- Academic Programs, Student Events or Educational/Business Meetings that involve predominately non-employees
  - Attendance by the employee must be required
  - The meal is an integral part of the meeting
- Athletic recruiting – the employee’s participation is required
- Existing contractual or grant agreement
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<th>Activity</th>
<th>Allowable Participants</th>
<th>Potential Funding Sources</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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| Sanctioned Student Events (excluding athletic events) | • Students  
• Volunteers  
• Employees whose participation is required | • Agency Funds  
• Auxiliary Funds  
• Endowment funds where authorized by fund agreement  
• Grants or contract funds as authorized by fund provider  
• Student Activity Fees | • See BPM Sections 19.8.1, 19.8.2, 19.8.3  
• Per Diem limits apply |
| Athletic Events & Recruiting            | • Students  
• Potential students & parents/guardians  
• Volunteers  
• Employees whose participation is required | • Agency Funds  
• Athletic Auxiliary funds  
• Endowment funds where authorized by fund agreement  
• Student Activity Fees | • See BPM Sections 19.8.1, 19.8.2, 19.8.3  
• Per Diem limits apply  
• Applicable athletic conference rules shall also be followed |
| Classroom & Academic Programs          | • Students  
• Employees whose participation is required | • Sales & Service Revenue  
• State appropriated funds for use only in for credit courses  
• Tuition & Fee Revenue | • See BPM Sections 19.8.1 and 19.8.2 |
| Student Recruiting Events              | • Students  
• Potential students & parents/guardians  
• Volunteers  
• Employees whose participation is required | • Agency Funds  
• Auxiliary Funds  
• Student Activity Fees | • See BPM Sections 19.8.1, 19.8.2, 19.8.3  
• Per Diem limits apply |
| Volunteer Events                        | • Students  
• Volunteers  
• Employees whose participation is required | • All funds except state appropriated funds and tuition revenue  
• Recognized “Executive” program tuition revenue may be used to purchase food for volunteer events | • See BPM Sections 19.8.2 & 19.8.3  
• Per Diem limits apply  
• Volunteer events with sole purpose of recognition or appreciation for past services may not be paid using any fund source except for Foundation funds. |
| Safety Products                         | • Students  
• Volunteers  
• Employees at risk due to environmental or workplace conditions | • Auxiliary Funds  
• Sales & Service Revenue  
• State appropriated funds  
• Tuition & Fee Revenue  
• Student Activity Fees | • See BPM Sections 19.8.3  
• Expenses should be paid using the departmental budget of the assigned employees |
| Educational or Business Meetings       | • Students  
• Volunteers  
• Employees whose participation is required | • Auxiliary Funds  
• Sales & Service Revenue  
• State appropriated funds | • See BPM Sections 19.8.3  
• Per Diem limits apply  
• Meeting must consist of predominately non-employees |
Employee Group Meals
General Guidelines

• Used when employees are REQUIRED to remain at the work site during mealtime
  ➢ As a convenience to the university and to facilitate effective/efficient operations of the department.
  ➢ Emergency situations
  ➢ Intra-departmental meetings or training sessions

• Meeting should last at least 4 hours

• Approved by departmental approval authority prior to date of event for non-emergency situations

• Alcohol is NOT allowed

• Use of PCARD is not allowed unless specifically addressed in PCARD manual

• Includes meals only; no snacks/beverages

• Per diem limits must be followed inclusive of applicable tax and gratuity

• Group meals held at start and/or finish of meeting are not allowed
Meals Involving Multiple State Institutions

- Occurs when administrators or employees of multiple institutions are required to meet
- Registration fees may be charged to participants of the meeting to support meeting expense
- Registration fees are normally deposited into an agency or departmental sales/service account
- Group meals/Refreshment breaks may be purchased within reasonable cost
- Meals held at conclusion of an event are not allowed
- Alcohol is **NOT** allowed
- Use of PCARD is not allowed unless specifically addressed in PCARD manual
Off-Campus Retreats
Food Purchased for Off-Campus Retreat

- Must present daily itinerary with meeting agenda
- Per diem limits must be adhered to with the first/last day deduction and should include applicable tax and gratuity
- If no overnight lodging, travel must exceed 12 hours and be more than 50 miles from home and campus
  - Less than 50 miles required pre-approval by Dean or VP
- Provide list of participants
  - Student should be identified by name and 917 number
  - Employees should be identified by name and ADP number
Other Considerations for Off-Campus Retreat

- Purpose of event should support the source of funds utilized
- Fund source may impact food purchases and allowable participants
- Contract terms of retreat center must be reviewed and approved by Purchasing Services Contract Manager
- Risk Management should be consulted if activities include any that could present a physical risk to participants
- Travel Authorization required for all employees participating
  ➢ Students can be listed on Student Group Travel Authorization with addendum
Food with Foundation Funds
Food with Foundation Funds

• As in the past, Foundation funds may be utilized for the purchase of food for an institutional event that does not qualify with state-funded sources
• For specific guidelines visit the “Foundation Documents” link on the UWG Foundation webpage
• Examples include:
  ➢ Employees who accompany candidates during a meal
  ➢ Snacks before or during meetings
  ➢ Meals that exceed allowable per diem amounts or do not meet other state funded requirements (i.e. # of meeting hours, distance, etc.)
Food Payments through DineWest
Payment of DineWest Invoices Utilizing Departmental Funds

- Always obtain prior approval from department approval authority prior to incurring expense
- At event conclusion, DineWest Catering will submit Banquet Event Form/Invoice to requesting department for review
- If discrepancies are found, department should contact Dine West Catering for resolution
Payment of DineWest Invoices Utilizing Departmental Funds

• Complete UWG Internal Billing Form and attach final Banquet Event Order/Invoice
  ➢ Ensure UWG Internal Billing Form is signed by approval authority

• Submit additional required documentation on Food Purchases with Institutional Funds Form
  ➢ Purpose of the meeting/event
  ➢ Formal written agenda, flyer, or email that substantiates the event was an official event
  ➢ List of attendees and affiliation
    o Groups of more than 10; indicate approximate number of attendees by participant mix
  ➢ Certification of containment of cost within per diem amounts
Form is found on UWG Controller webpage
www.westga.edu/controller
• Click on Forms link
• Food Purchase with Institutional Funds form

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Approx. Number in attendance if more than 10: ________________________________

Identification of the Group: ________________________________________________

Certification of containment of cost within per diem amounts.
I certify the amount expended did not exceed the authorized per diem amount uniquely identified for the particular meal and no institutional funds were used to purchase alcoholic beverages.

I understand and ensure that the funds spent were only for legitimate public purposes and not for the personal benefit of the employee or other individuals.

I understand the misuse of institutional funds may result in disciplinary actions up to and including termination, as well as, civil action and criminal penalties.

Requested by
Print Name: ___________________________  Signature: ___________________________
Department Manager (should not be requested): _________________________________
Internal Billing Form Instructions

• Enter the following:
  ➢ Today’s Date
  ➢ Prepared By
  ➢ Original Invoice Date
  ➢ Department Name
  ➢ Original Type and Document ID = DineWest Invoice Number
  ➢ Explanation for Billing = Event Name and Event Date
  ➢ Account/Fund/DeptID/Program/Class = Departmental Expense Chartstring
  ➢ Debit and Credit Amount = Amount of Invoice
  ➢ Credit Amount Chartstring = Credit Chartstring should be the same for all DineWest Invoices
  ➢ Obtain approval signature from department approval authority
  ➢ Submit documentation packet to Controller’s Office
DineWest

chartstring

should be same for all internal billings

Departmental
expense chartstring (use appropriate expense account)

Enter a separate line for each invoice

DineWest chartstring should be same for all internal billings

DineWest Invoice #

Event Name and Date

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• Complete UWG Foundation Payment Request Form and attach final Banquet Event Order/Invoice
  ➢ Ensure UWG Foundation Payment Request Form is signed by approval authority
• Submit document packet to UWG Foundation
Payment of Food Invoices to Outside Vendors

- All catering should be contracted with DineWest
- If department has a need to purchase from an outside vendor, approval should be granted by Auxiliary Services prior to contracting services
Payment of Food Invoices to Outside Vendors

- Complete UWG Check Request Form and attach outside vendor invoice
- Submit additional required documentation on Food Purchases with Institutional Funds Form
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  - Formal written agenda, flyer, or email that substantiates the event was an official event
  - List of attendees and affiliation
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Questions??

• For further information regarding:
  ➢ Food purchases utilizing department funds
    o Randy Miller, x95329, rcmiller@westga.edu
  ➢ Food purchases utilizing foundation funds
    o Whitney Benefield, x94111, wbenefie@westga.edu
  ➢ Catering invoices or services
    o DineWest Catering, x95982, catering@westga.edu