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TO: The University of West Florida Community

FROM: Dr. John Cavanaugh, President

POLICY/PURPOSE: Tree protection on campus

Background and Philosophy

The University of West Florida, a state-designated preserve, is committed to the preservation of existing trees and advocates new tree plantings to promote the education, public health, general welfare, the environment, and aesthetics of the University. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the preservation and replacement of trees as a part of the University’s planned growth and development.

General Policy

UWF will:

➤ provide resources in a consistent and adequate program for maintaining, watering, and preserving trees.
➤ plant trees only in the appropriate season.
➤ consider placement of the trees in relation with all federal and state regulations, including the needs of the disabled, utilities, emergency vehicles, and trucks.
➤ promote the diversity of its existing campus forest to avoid devastation of an individual species and to create a campus wide distribution.
➤ install automatic irrigation systems where watering is likely to be difficult.
➤ utilize strategies to encourage long tree life by maintaining long-lived trees, planting trees in a manner to maximize adequate growth, by structural soils, and root growth.
➤ encourage the development of innovative strategies in places with limited space for the roots or the canopy and provide guidelines for root pruning.

A Tree Protection Plan shall be submitted with the other drawings and documents as part of all construction, rehabilitation, and utilities projects.

APPROVED: ________________________________ DATE: __________

Dr. John Cavanaugh