

POLICY 3804

MEALS AND/OR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

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Meals and light refreshments may be provided in compliance with Section 10.40 of the System Administrative and Accounting Manual (SAAM) regarding providing meals, coffee or light refreshments for meetings on campus and reimbursement for meals while traveling.

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The Board of Trustees hereby revises Policy 3804.

Done in Open Meeting by the Board this 28th day of January, 2004.

Board of Trustees
Shoreline Community College

By: /s/ Paul D. Burton
Chair of the Board

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

1. Section 10.40.70b states that the agency head or designee may authorize the cost of the meals regardless of travel status and without regards to the “three hour rule” when the agency requires the person to attend a meeting where meals are served and where the purpose of the meeting is “official state business” or to provide training to state employees or officials and the meals are an integral part of the business meeting and authorized in advance.
 - a. SCC cannot provide meals for agency anniversaries, receptions for new, existing, and/or retiring employees or state officials. SCC cannot provide meals for celebrations.
 - b. SCC may not provide coffee and light refreshments at meetings or formal training sessions unless the agency has formally adopted a written policy and procedures.
2. College employees must comply with Policy 3804.
3. Student organizations and athletics must complete the “Meals Reimbursement “form.
4. College departments planning events where refreshments or meals will be served must document the service by sending an e-mail to the responsible administrator and a copy to the Purchasing Office three days prior to the event stating:

Name of event
Date of event
Rationale for food service
Anticipated attendance
Estimated cost

5. If the responsible administrator does not approve the event, the requestor will be notified by return email.
6. Employees and vendors will not be paid or reimbursed until the requesting email is on file in the Purchasing Office.

- 7. Procurement cards may be used if the email is on file in the Purchasing Office.
- 8. The College-contracted food service business will accept the procurement card.

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