DePaul University – Guidelines

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I. Eligibility

The following categories of the University community are eligible for this program:

- Full-time Staff

Student employees and part-time employees who increase their work hours during the summer remain ineligible for this benefit unless they are transferred into a full-time staff classification.

II. Summary

The Summer Hours Program allows full-time staff employees early Friday departures during the summer. For employees whose schedules cannot accommodate early departures, three additional summer floating holidays can be substituted. This program will be reviewed annually for renewal by the President.

III. Guidelines

A. Starting and Ending Dates

The Summer Hours Program applies to the period of the Academic Calendar beginning with the first Friday after the close of spring term and ending on the last Friday before the beginning of the fall term. For 2018, the Summer Hours period extends from Friday, June 15th through Friday, August 31st. Note: for the College of Law, the Summer Hours period is slightly different due to the semester schedule, and will extend from Friday, May 18th through Friday, August 10th.

B. Summer Hours may be implemented on an employee-by-employee basis in one of two ways, as follows:

Method I: Early Friday Departure - each Friday during the summer, eligible employees will be allowed to end their workday at 3:00pm and receive Summer Hours Pay for the period of time not worked due to this program.

Method II: Summer Floating Holidays - employees whose work requirements do not permit a regular 3:00pm Friday departure may instead be granted three Summer Floating Holidays. This method may also be applied for employees who normally leave on or before 3:00pm (or shortly thereafter) on Fridays due to an existing flexible work arrangement or a V-time arrangement. Summer Floating Holidays must be taken in whole or half-day increments. No other variation is allowed.

Either Method I or Method II must be selected by each manager for each eligible employee in their area prior to the Summer Hours start date each year. A method must be selected for employees on leave as well as active employees. Each employee may only be under one method for the duration of the summer. Switching between methods is not permitted.
I. Procedures

A. Time and Labor Data Entry (T&L)

1. Standard Data Entry

Non-exempt employees should enter Summer Hours using Time and Labor code “M70” or “SFN” instead of Regular Hours to record time off due to the Summer Hours Program:

- M70 – for Early Friday Departures
- SFN – for Summer Floating Holidays.

Exempt employees should enter Summer Hours using Time and Labor code “SMH” or “SFH” to record time off due to the Summer Hours Program:

- SMH – for Early Friday Departures
- SFH – for Summer Floating Holidays

Under no circumstances may an exempt employee’s regular base salary earnings be adjusted due to time recorded as summer hours. This information is to be used for record-keeping purposes only; not payroll purposes.

2. Data Entry for Special Situations

Recording Work Performed after 3:00pm on Fridays

Non-exempt employees who are under the Method I arrangement (see above) and actually perform work after 3:00pm on a Friday should record these hours in the Time and Labor system as Regular Hours, not Summer Hours.

Sick and Vacation Time

If an employee under Method I takes a day off related to sick time or vacation time, the entire day should be recorded as sick or vacation time accordingly.

Leaves of Absence

If an employee is on a continuous leave of absence of any type, then all of the hours during the approved leave should be recorded as leave hours. Summer Floating Holidays Hours cannot be used during a continuous leave of absence. If the employee is on an intermittent leave of absence and a leave incidence coincides with an early Friday departure or scheduled Summer Floating Holiday, the time should be recorded as leave hours.

B. Rules for New Employees

Employees who start employment on or after July 16, 2018 may select either Method I or Method II. If Method II is selected, then only 1.5 Summer Floating Holidays are allowed.

C. Rules for Employees Returning from Leave

Employees who return from leave prior to July 16, 2018 continue in the method elected for them prior to the beginning of the leave. If Method II had been selected for an employee returning from leave, and the return date is on or after July 16, 2018, only one-and-one-half Summer Floating Holidays are permitted.

D. Rules for Terminating Employees

If an employee terminates during the Summer Hours Period under Method II, unused Summer Floating Holidays are not compensated; instead, they are forfeited.
E. Accrual for Summer Session Floating Holidays under Method II

Full-time staff employees are awarded 24 Summer Hours annually, pending renewal of the program by the President. No payment is made for unused Summer Floating Holiday hours at the end of the Summer Hours Period or at termination. That is, Summer Floating Holiday hours not used by the end of the Summer Hours Period or at time of termination (if earlier) are forfeited. Employees using Method II are allowed to record only the equivalent of 3 full days as Summer Hours (e.g. if your regularly scheduled work-day is 7 hours, you may record a maximum of 21 Summer Floating Holiday hours). If employees using Method II record more than the maximum of three full days as Summer Floating Holidays, the excess hours will be taken from their vacation balances.

F. Additional Rules for Summer Floating Holidays

Employees who wish to take a Summer Floating Holiday must obtain prior approval from their manager. Switching between Method I and Method II after the start of the Summer Hours Period is not permitted. Summer Floating Holidays are not accrued and unused holidays can not be carried over into the next calendar year.

V. Contact Information

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VI. History

The program was implemented on a trial basis during the summer of 2007.

- 2008 Program reviewed and approved
- 2009 Program reviewed and approved
- 2010 Program reviewed and approved
- 2011 Program reviewed and approved
- 2012 Program reviewed and approved
- 2013 Program not approved
- 2014 Program reviewed and approved
- 2015 Program reviewed and approved
- 2016 Program reviewed and approved
- 2017 Program reviewed and approved
- 2018 Program reviewed and approved

This program is reviewed by the President on an annual basis. It sets forth general procedures, guidelines and descriptions, and does not constitute a contract between the university and its staff members. The procedures, guidelines and benefits described herein may be changed, modified or deleted at any time by the university.