

**Policy Title:** Campus Closure  
**Policy Approver:** President’s Office  
**Policy Holder:** Student and Infrastructure Support  
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### **Policy Statement**

Yukon University expects that all employees and students are working in safe conditions. Accordingly, the President or her/his designate may declare the University and/or its campuses closed if the University is unable to operate effectively and/or circumstances pose a risk to the health, well-being and/or safety of members of the campus community or to the reputation of the University community.

All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure staff will suffer no loss of pay if unable to work due to a situation related to campus closure.

Essential service groups are excluded from this policy unless advised to the contrary by their Dean or Director.

In an emergency situation, crisis management protocols will apply.

### **Approval Statement**

With the consent of the Senior Executive Committee and approval of the President of Yukon College, this policy is hereby deemed in effect the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

Karen Barnes

October 15, 2014

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President, Yukon College

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Date

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## 1. Purpose of Policy

Yukon University shall proceed to ensure the safety of students and staff by closing the campus when it is required and communicating such closure in a systematic and orderly fashion.

## 2. Governing Legislation and Relevant Documents

Workers Compensation Act  
BOG 3.0: Yukon University President Responsibilities  
Closure due to a death in the community Procedures  
Campus Closure Communications Check-list,  
Lockdown Procedures  
Power Outage Procedures  
Security Procedures

## 3. Scope

All employees and students at Yukon University.

Community Campuses - the President's Advisory Committee on First Nations Initiatives passing a motion that the community campuses will not close for the death of a community member unless the community campus Chairs receive an email from the First Nation's Executive Director or Education Director.

## 4. Definitions

Essential service groups include the following: Safety and Security, Custodial, and Campus Housing employees (see power outage procedures).

## 5. Procedures

1. In the event of a situation that poses a risk to the health, well-being and/or safety of members of the University community, and/or prevents the efficient operations of the University, the President or her/his designate will call a Senior Executive Committee meeting to assess the situation and decide whether to close one or more campuses.

2. Procedures documents will be followed for each situation, e.g. power outage, death in the community, etc.
3. For emergency situations, such as a lock down, other protocols will apply.

#### INTERNAL COMMUNICATION

The President's Office, with the assistance of University Relations, will advise the University Management Team (UMT) and cc the Senior Executive Committee (SEC) of the decision via email, with the exception of a power outage, where the Power Outage Process document will be followed.

Everyone on SEC and UMT will contact all of their direct reports.

In addition, University Relations will email Ayamdigut Staff, YukonU Staff, and/or the Impacted community campuses to ensure they have all been informed and will direct them back to their managers for further information and instructions.

College Relations will consult the campus closure communication checklist as well, and ensure impacted individuals and organizations are contacted.

#### ALL STAFF INSTRUCTION

- a) When it has been decided to close the campus, communication will be sent out via any means possible - radio, email, and University social media channels. It's advisable to check any source you can access, if questioning whether or not to come into work.
- b) Staff are to report for work as usual on the next working day following a closure, unless contrary direction has been received as per above.

## 6. Problem Solving

Any dispute arising from decisions can be resolved immediately with the President or his/her designate.

**7. Other Related and/or Accompanying Documents**

Addendum A - Policy Communication Checklist

### Addendum A - Policy Communication Checklist

Policy Name:

Number:

Submitted by:

List those consulted with in preparation of this policy:

Name	Department	Date
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The order for communication and/or consultation for a new or revised policy is as follows:

1. SEC – initial review and recommendations from SEC membership;
2. Identified stakeholders within Yukon University in order of priority – see below;
3. SEC – to be briefed on any issues arising out of stakeholder consultations;
4. Staff – SEC members to bring policy to their staff for feedback (*SEC member introducing this policy is responsible for sending to SEC, requesting that it be circulated to their staff for feedback*);
5. SEC – final draft supported by SEC membership and approved by the President.

This checklist must be completed prior to the final draft of a policy being presented to SEC for presidential approval.

Body	Communication Planned	Completed	Comments
SEC	✓	Sept. 3, 2014	
Student Union			
Employee's Union			
Occupational Health and Safety	✓		
Academic Council	N/A		
Board or a Board subcommittee	N/A		
Other			
SEC for Final Review		October 15, 2014	

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