University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Facilities Operations and Construction
Flag Policy

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assure compliance with all state and federal laws, regulations and codes related to the presentation of the flags of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the University of Massachusetts at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth facilities and on its grounds, as well as to provide guidance for the display of flags on the UMass Dartmouth campus not addressed by existing laws, regulations, and codes.

Per the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth policy on Public Forum Use of University Facilities (FOC-002), the university recognizes the rights of members of the university community and visitors to the community to freedom of assembly and speech, and strongly endorses the free exchange of ideas at the University. Members of the university community and its visitors may exercise such rights in appropriate public forums without seeking sponsorship or permission of the University. Refer to the policy on Public Forum Use of University Facilities (FOC-002) for a description of the public forum space and additional details.

The flag poles located at the Old Westport Road university entrance are not located in the public forum space, are non-forums reserved for university speech. Therefore, flags may be flown on these poles at the discretion of the university.

II. PROCEDURES

Display of U.S., POW/MIA, Commonwealth, and University flags at the main entrance

When facing the flagpoles from Old Westport Road, the United States flag shall fly on the pole farthest to the left; the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag shall fly on the center pole and the University of Massachusetts flag shall fly on the pole farthest to the right.

The U.S. and Commonwealth flags shall fly at full staff unless otherwise ordered by the Governor of Massachusetts in accordance with state and federal laws, regulations, and traditions.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (Also see Massachusetts Flag Status)

The University of Massachusetts flag shall be flown at full staff unless otherwise ordered by the Chancellor of the university. In the case of the death of a current faculty member, staff member, or student, the university flag may be lowered to half-staff for the day of the person’s funeral.

In accordance with U.S. Public Law 101-355, the POW/MIA flag shall be flown on the same pole as the U.S. flag and under the U.S. flag. This flag shall be flown, at a minimum, on the third Friday of September (National POW/MIA Recognition Day), Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.5

Display of other flags at the main entrance
A. Flags of other countries or states

Flags of another country may be flown at the entrance of the campus in accordance with federal and state law. Typically, this would occur when a dignitary from another country visits campus or the campus is celebrating a major international event.4

B. Flags of symbolism that represent the values of the University

Any university-sanctioned department or organization may suggest that a flag of symbolism, representing the mission, vision, and values of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth as defined identified in the Strategic Plan of the University, be flown for a maximum of five consecutive calendar days underneath the University flag. Such requests will be allowed once per flag, per organization/department, and per academic year.

C. Special Circumstances

Special circumstances (weather, state directive, etc.) may be considered for requests to fly flags on non-consecutive days.

The “Rainbow Flag” has flown beneath the university flag since the early 1990s as a symbol of the university’s commitment to diversity, and shall continue to be flown.

Only one flag of symbolism other than the Rainbow Flag may be flown at any time.

Refer to the policy on Public Forum Use of University Facilities (FOC-002)8 for additional options.

D. Flag Specifications

All flags must be a professionally produced and outfitted to fly on a flagpole.

The sponsoring organization must provide the flag to be flown.

The flag can be no smaller than [4’ x 6’] and no larger than [8’ x 10’].

E. Responsibilities

A member of the requesting organization/department must provide the Office of the Chancellor with a written request at least five business days prior to the date they wish to fly a specific flag. The request must include:

- The name and contact information of the organization/department.
- The specific dates requested for flying the flag.
- A brief outline of the reasons why the organization/department is requesting to fly the flag.
- A brief description of how the flag represents the mission, vision, and values of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, as stated in the Strategic Plan.

Although the final authority for determining university speech rests with the chancellor, concerning each flag request, the Chancellor may seek advice from an advisory committee consisting of the following membership:

- A representative of the Student Government Association.
• A representative of the Graduate Student Senate.

• A representative of the Faculty Senate.

• A College Dean designated by the Provost.

• A staff member appointed by the Chancellor, who will serve as the Chair of this committee.

Upon approval by the Chancellor, the sponsoring organization/department will provide the flag to the Director of Campus Facilities or his/her designee to arrange for the flag raising and flag lowering on the approved date(s).

III. REFERENCES

1MGL Chapter 2, Section 6
2MGL Chapter 264, Sections 5-8,
3Title 4 U.S. Code Chapter 1, Sections 6-7
4U.S. Flag Guide
5U.S. Public Law 101-355
6POW/MIA Flag Guide
7Bureau of the State House Policy Manual
8Public Forum Use of Public Facilities

Approved: [Signature]

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Interim Chancellor

Date: April 7, 2017