

Oberlin College & Conservatory

Wilder Hall Building Use Policy – Occupancy Limits & Noise Levels

Policy Title: Wilder Hall Building Use Policy – Occupancy Limits & Noise Levels

Responsible Position for Policy: Tina Zwegat, Building Manager

Office/Department Responsible for Policy: Student Union Office (Wilder 111)

Division Responsible for Policy: Student Life

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I. Policy Purpose Groups requesting use of Wilder rooms should consider spaces appropriate for the event being planned, taking into account factors such as projected attendance and potential noise levels.

II. Policy Statement: Gatherings deemed by the Student Union staff to be inappropriate for the requested space may be scheduled in alternate location or denials may be made based on expected attendance or noise levels.

III. Policy Scope/Eligibility: Policy applies to all administrators, staff, faculty, organizations, students and visitors.

IV. Administration: Tina Zwegat, Building Manager

V. Procedures:

I. Occupancy Limits

- A. Occupancy limits for Wilder Rooms are established by the City of Oberlin.
- B. It is the responsibility of the Student union to post occupancy limits for each room.
- C. It is the responsibility of users of Wilder spaces to ensure full compliance with posted

limits. All users should be prepared to provide actual attendance figures upon request.

- D. The Student Union reserves the right to monitor occupancy levels.
- E. Refusal to comply with posted limits may result in cancellation of the reservation and/or loss of future privileges.

II. Noise Levels

Wilder is a vibrant space; with the hustle and bustle one should expect to find in a Student Union building. A certain level of environmental noise should be expected at all times. At the same time, Wilder functions as one of the College's primary meeting spaces and users of the meeting rooms and departmental offices often require a minimum of disruptive noise. To balance these often-competing demands, the Student union Board and staff have established the following guidelines:

- A. Bands may be scheduled to use the Band Rehearsal Room (404) or WOBC Studio B only at certain times that are determined by the Student Union to be least likely to interfere with surrounding offices and meeting rooms.
- B. Theatrical auditions and rehearsals may be scheduled in advance only in select meeting rooms and Wilder Main Lounge.
- C. Wilder main Lounge and Dionysus Club (the 'Sco) are carefully scheduled so that soundchecks for 'Sco performances are completed prior to Main Lounge events and, in turn, so that performances and services in Main Lounge are completed prior to 'Sco events.
- D. Wilder Main Lounge is adjacent to the lobby, a certain amount of environmental noise should be expected to bleed through into Main Lounge. Preferential treatment regarding noise is not given and should not be expected.

III.

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