

 The University of British Columbia Board of Governors	Policy No.: UP3
Long Title: Disposal of Surplus Equipment and Materials	
Short Title: Surplus Equipment Policy	

Background & Purposes:

Emphasis is given to recycling equipment through either internal rental or sales. Secondary consideration is given to disposal or sales to other educational institutions, and third to external private sales. In support of this principle, the purposes of the policy are:

- to ensure that the University’s assets are disposed at fair market value;
- to ensure that all areas of the University have an equal opportunity to obtain surplus equipment or materials prior to final disposal;
- to ensure that the original holders of the property are provided a credit for their assets;
- to reduce space tied up through storage of surplus equipment and materials throughout the University;
- to promote the recycling, reuse and refabrication of equipment;
- to provide other educational institutions with an opportunity to obtain equipment no longer required by the University before sales to the public;
- to ensure appropriate taxes and duty are collected and remitted.

1. General

- 1.1 No surplus University material or equipment acquired from any source of funds will be removed from the campus without the authority of the Director of Supply Management. Disposal of all surplus or obsolete equipment and materials will be made through the Supply Management Department’s Surplus Equipment Recycling Facility (S.E.R.F.) on the recommendation of the responsible administrative head of unit. The disposer is responsible for ensuring that the material(s) are not contaminated or toxic.



PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT POLICY

Pursuant to the Regulatory Framework Policy, the President may approve Procedures or the amendment or repeal of Procedures. Such approvals must be reported at the next meeting of the UBC Board of Governors or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Capitalized terms used in these Procedures that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the accompanying Policy, being the Surplus Equipment Policy.

1. General

- 1.1 Equipment and materials are declared “surplus” at the discretion of the administrative head of unit.
- 1.2 First call on equipment or materials not needed for the purpose they were originally acquired is available to the current administrative head of unit and then the dean.
- 1.3 S.E.R.F. gives primary emphasis to recycling equipment and materials either through internal sales or rental of equipment to University faculties, departments and affiliated programs. Secondary consideration is given to disposal or sales to other educational institutions in B.C., and finally external private sales to members of faculty and staff and the public.
- 1.4 The net proceeds of the sale, after deduction of all applicable taxes, duty, and a fee to cover operating costs, (fee not to exceed 20%, or a minimum of \$25), are credited to an account (normally that from which the material or equipment was originally purchased), specified by the administrative head of unit.
- 1.5 The disposal through S.E.R.F. of materials and equipment which have become available through construction or renovation of University property is authorized by the Director of Campus Planning and Development or the Director of Plant Operations.
- 1.6 Contaminated or toxic materials should first be referred to the Department of Health, Safety and Environment.
- 1.7 S.E.R.F. is expected to recover its operating costs. It is responsible for promotion, pick-up of materials, collecting receipts and processing of required paperwork.

2. Detailed Procedures

- 2.1. Detailed procedures may be found in the Material Resources Handbook, under S.E.R.F.



EXPLANATORY NOTES REGARDING THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT POLICY AND ASSOCIATED PROCEDURES

The OUC has prepared these Explanatory Notes to provide context and background regarding the Surplus Equipment Policy. These Explanatory Notes do not replace or supersede the content of the Surplus Equipment Policy and its Procedures.

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Responsible Executive:	Vice-President, Finance and Operations
Responsible Board Committee:	Finance Committee
Related Policies:	GA2 - Regulatory Framework Policy
History:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Surplus Equipment Policy and Procedures were first approved by the Board of Governors in July 1977;• The Surplus Equipment Policy and Procedures were revised in January 1993;• The Surplus Equipment Policy was updated in July 2019 to reflect a new policy identification system; it is currently identified as the Surplus Equipment Policy, its long title is Disposal of Surplus Equipment and Materials, and its number is UP3. The previous identification number for this policy was #108.
Related Legislation:	N/A