UNIVERSITY POLICY
UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

POLICY

Use of Slippery Rock University property or air rights for the purpose of operating any Unmanned Aircraft Systems (commonly known as drones) or model aircraft is prohibited at all times, except as approved in advance, through the Office of University Communication and Public Affairs.

This prohibition includes the associated support equipment, control station, data links, telemetry, communications and navigation equipment, etc., necessary to operate the vehicle.

RATIONALE

The use and operation of UAS or model aircraft is strictly regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration and is also governed by state law. This policy seeks to insure the University remains in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and that SRU protects the health and safety of people and property within its borders.

PROCEDURE

Anyone seeking permission to fly a UAS or model aircraft over University property must provide proof of FAA approval. Operation of a UAS or model aircraft over University property must be under a contract that holds the University harmless from any resulting claims or harm to individuals and damage to University property, and provides insurance as required by the University.

UAS shall not be used to monitor or record areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy in accordance with accepted social norms. These areas include but are not limited to restrooms, locker rooms, individual residential rooms, changing or dressing rooms and health treatment rooms.

UAS shall not be used to monitor or record residential hallways, residential lounges or the insides of campus daycare facilities.

UAS shall not be used to monitor or record sensitive institutional or personal information that may be found, for example, on an individual’s workspaces, on computer or other electronic displays.

Operators seeking to fly a UAS or model aircraft over University property must provide the following information to the UAS policy administrator five (5) days prior to any mission. A mission authorization form is available through the Office of University Communication and Public Affairs:

- Date, time and location of the operation
- Purpose of the operation
- Equipment to be used
- Identity and contact information for the operator
- Data to be collected
• Copy of current license for the Remote Pilot in Command (PIC) issued in accordance with FAA Part 107
• Certificate of insurance
  o Such evidence of insurance must include general liability coverage with a $2,000,000 per occurrence limit. Slippery Rock University and the “Board of Governors of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education, its officers, employees and agents” must be added as additional insured.
• Waiver of liability
  o The proposed operation must not pose an unacceptable threat to safety, privacy or the environment. Approval, once given, may be rescinded if it is determined that the information provided is incorrect or incomplete or if circumstances have changed and a determination is made that the planned operation is not in the community’s best interest. SRU also reserves the right to immediately order the cessation of any operation that is deemed to create a hazard or interference with any campus equipment or activity.

SCOPE
This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff and visitors to the campus.

Any person who observes the use of any UAS or model aircraft on University property should immediately notify University Police at 724.738.3333.

Any person or entity using or operating any UAS or model aircraft in violation of this policy shall be subject to all criminal and civil penalties and liable to the maximum extent possible under federal and state law.

RESPONSIBILITY
Responsibility for implementation of this policy resides in University Communication and Public Affairs.

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