To ensure coordination and equitable use of limited Foundation funds for conducting fundraising on behalf of the Foundation and for the benefit of Florida Atlantic University, the Foundation has designated fund BDG301 – Development Related Expenses to assist key university administrators with development related expenses.

A **development related expense** is a business related expense that identifies, informs, cultivates, engages or stewards potential prospects, alumni, donors or friends with the sole purpose of promoting FAU and securing future gifts for the benefit of FAU in furtherance of its educational missions and purposes.

**BDG301 – Development Related Expense**

To assist with expenses associated with any fundraising/development activity conducted on behalf of FAU for the exclusive benefit of FAU and with a defined fundraising purpose and outcome. Development Related Activities (DRA) usually fall within the following categories

**Cultivation:**

The process of exposing prospective donors to University activities, people, needs and plans to the point where they become interested enough in the University’s purposes and goals to be considered a potential donor in the near future. Can include:

1. Meals (breakfast, lunch or dinner with the prospect).
2. Tour of campus with potential prospects.
3. Meetings to discuss fundraising objectives/priorities
Stewardship:
The process of thanking donors for their support and informing them on the use of their gift and the benefits it provides to FAU. Can include:

1. Meals (breakfast, lunch or dinner with the prospect).
2. Acknowledgement or recognition activities (as limited by IRS guidelines).
3. Meetings to discuss future fundraising objective/priorities

To be reimbursed by the Foundation, the expense must:

- be considered a legitimate business expense from a reasonable business activity (see Foundation’s Disbursement guidelines for more information),
- be an ordinary expense that is common and accepted in development/fundraising
- exclusively benefit FAU,
- not provide for a personal or fringe benefit,
- comply with all applicable State statutes and IRS codes and regulations, and
- have proper substantiation.

According to the IRS, no payment or reimbursement for a development related expense shall be allowed unless the person seeking payment or reimbursement for a legitimate development expense from the Foundation substantiates by adequate records or by sufficient evidence corroborating:

1. the amount of such expense
2. the date, description and place of any travel, meal, transportation, entertainment, amusement, recreation, University related gift, etc.
3. the business purpose of the expense including the topic of discussion, and
4. the business relationship to FAU of persons entertained or receiving a gift and how it benefits FAU, and
5. the names and relationships of all attendees.

The Foundation Disbursement Policy will apply. The Foundation adheres to the IRS Accountable Plan for business related reimbursements. Any expense that fails to meet the requirements of the IRS accountability plan can either be refused; or can be treated as being reimbursed under the non-accountable plan and will be included as wages, salary, or other pay on the employees W-2. Departments listed below will have an annual appropriation of $250. All cultivation and stewardship activities should be recorded in Raiser’s Edge as an action item. A prospect researcher will follow-up on all activities paid from this fund.
XI. DE MINIMIS

Due to the environment where the investment portfolio for the Foundation is so vast, nothing in this policy shall be deemed to require an owner of less than one percent (1%) of the common stock of a publicly traded corporation during the preceding five (5) years to make disclosure if such corporation is involved in a transaction with the Foundation.

*Enclosed is the Annual Statement which should be filled by each director, principal officer and member of a committee with board delegated powers. An additional form is enclosed which will need to be signed and updated for conflicts that arise during the year.

FAU Foundation

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Date: ________________

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Signature: ____________________________
Name: Stewart Martin
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