1. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to establish guidelines regarding Rules, Rights and Responsibilities for Campus Access.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all involved seeking campus access.

3. Policy

Mary Baldwin University ("MBU" or "University") encourages the participation of the broader community in a range of campus activities, but asks members of the public to recognize that MBU is a private institution and its grounds are designated for members of the University community, consisting of students, faculty and staff. Any individual who is not a current employee, faculty member or student of the University will be deemed a member of the general public for purposes of access to, and use of, all properties owned and/or occupied by MBU.

The principal campus and other MBU-owned properties are not public facilities, though the University seeks to respond to community needs and the needs of the general public by sharing its resources and facilities when appropriate and possible. In every case, MBU must protect the central educational purpose for which it was established and must conserve its resources, both physical and financial. MBU must also ensure the right of all members of the University community to enjoy an environment that is safe, conducive to learning, and free from unnecessary or unwanted distraction and interruption.

Unless specifically designated as "open to the public," all MBU meetings, activities and events on campus are considered to be limited to participation by members of the campus community. Please check the University’s Website (www.marybaldwin.edu) to determine whether an event is "open to the public." Some events may require advance registration.
While on campus, any individual attending an event designated as "open to the public" must adhere to all University rules of conduct, all rules and conditions proscribed for that event, and state and federal law.

The University reserves the right to determine who may enter its property and reserves the right to refuse entry to any individual. The University further reserves the right to restrict the entry and presence of any individual or group on campus and to impose specific limitations or conditions related to the entry or presence of any individual or group on campus.

Members of the general public who are authorized to attend public events may enter campus for the sole purpose of attending the event and should traverse the campus directly to and from the building or location of the event. Members of the general public are not authorized to enter any building other than the building where the event is scheduled to occur. Members of the general public must not interfere with, accost or disrupt any member of the University community while on campus or any other MBU-owned property.

Nor may any members of the general public engage in solicitation on any MBU-owned property without prior written permission from the President of the University. “Solicitation” shall include, but is not limited to, canvassing, seeking to obtain membership in or support for any organization, requesting contributions, offering goods and services for sale or purchase, distributing advertising materials, pamphlets, petitions, circulars or product samples, or engaging in any other conduct relating to any outside business or organizational interests.

In instances in which the University makes any of its facilities available for use by any external group or organization, the group or organization may impose additional limits and restrictions upon attendance at the events it sponsors. The University shall have no liability or responsibility for actions of such parties.