Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Policy
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I. Purpose and Applicability
The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines on the use of the USG Faculty Common Office Space located in Building I, Room 207. The Faculty Common Office is for USG Institutional Partners and authorized guests only. No students are allowed inside the Common Office except when they have a scheduled appointment with a faculty member.

II. Definitions
A. **AED**: Automated External Defibrillator
B. **Sudden Cardiac Arrest**: when the heart’s electrical system malfunctions and the heart itself stops beating.
C. **Defibrillation**: an electrical shock that re-starts the heart. A machine called a defibrillator administers the shock.

III. Policy Statement
A. The only effective treatment for Sudden Cardiac Arrest is early defibrillation. Traditionally, defibrillators have only been in ambulances and hospitals. Today the technology exists to have affordable defibrillators available wherever people gather. On-site personnel can operate these defibrillators with minimal training.

The use of AED’s designed for use by the public pose little risk of liability to those who use them for the purpose of providing emergency medical assistance. These devices are unlikely to cause harm since they are designed not to work when a heartbeat is already present. Nor do they work on inanimate objects. To date, no law suit has been initiated involving the use of AEDs in North America. Rescue workers in Maryland receive protection under the “Good Samaritan Law”, MD Code Annotated Courts and Judicial Proceedings, 5-603, which in part:

- Provides immunity for rescuers.
- Provides immunity for acquirers and enablers, except trainees.
- Encourages CPR/AED training.

B. An AED will be stored and secured on a wall mounted box at each of the security desks in Buildings I, II, and the Camille Kendall Academic Center (SG III).
C. A fourth AED will be mounted outside the Recreation Center in Building III. This AED will be kept in a wall mounted box with audible alarm.
D. Each AED will be marked with an identifiable number and its proper location.
E. Included with each AED will be 2 sets of defibrillator chest pads, disposable gloves, cables, one extra battery set, if the AED uses replaceable batteries other than long life lithium batteries, and the AED report form.
F. An AED manual with all applicable forms, including this policy, will be kept at each of the security desks and the Recreation Center desk.