FLYING FLAGS AT HALF STAFF

Policy Statement

University buildings and facilities will fly the United States flag at half-staff only in accordance with proclamations of the President of the United States in observance of occasions of national mourning. Only the George Washington University flag may be flown at half-staff in observance of the passing of members of the university community. The GW Police Department will coordinate when to fly flags at half-staff.

Reason for Policy

The purpose of this policy is to promote consistency across university campuses in flying the United States flag and the university flag.

Who is Governed by this Policy

Staff

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On a regular basis, the GW Police Department (GWPD) staff will review the Proclamation section of the United States White House website to obtain information about presidential proclamations and occasions for national mourning that call for flying the United States flag at half-staff. When the United States flag is flown at half-staff, the university flag also will be flown at half-staff.

The Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia also have authority per the U.S. Flag Code to order that the United States flag be flown at half-staff.

The university officials listed below have authority for their departments to determine when the university flag should be lowered to half-staff in accordance with the death of a member of the university community, and are responsible for notifying GWPD (202-994-9149) when the university flag should be flown at half-staff.

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<td>Senior Vice President for Human Resources</td>
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<td>Executive Coordinator, Faculty Personnel member</td>
<td>Death of a faculty</td>
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<td>Secretary and Vice President, Board of Trustees</td>
<td>Death of a trustee</td>
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<td>Assistant Chief, GW Police (or their designee)</td>
<td>National mourning</td>
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<td>Senior Vice President for Enrollment and Student Experience, and/or Associate Dean of Students</td>
<td>Death of a student</td>
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GWPD will notify relevant university officials, including relevant operational staff at the Virginia Campus, regarding when and why flags at university campuses should be flown at half-staff.

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<tr>
<td>GW Police Department</td>
<td>202-994-6110</td>
<td><a href="mailto:gwpd@gwu.edu">gwpd@gwu.edu</a></td>
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