

Record Retention Schedule Public Affairs and Communications

*** FOOTNOTES INDICATE CURRENT DEPARTMENTAL PRACTICE ***

Category/Type of Record	MINIMUM Retention Period (in calendar years, unless otherwise indicated)
Building Maintenance/Management	
Key Records (records of issuance, re-issuance, return)	Permanently
Committee/Department Records	
Committee Records, Official [committees and advisory groups listed on Registrar's website at http://registrar2.wlu.edu/faculty/faccomm.htm (e.g. minutes and official correspondence -- responsibility of committee chair and/or designee)]	Until the end of the current SACS accreditation cycle (which currently runs through 2019), but not less than 5 years
Individual Committee Member Service Records (i.e. service on W&L committees)	No required minimum
General Departmental Administrative Records (e.g. budget files, capital requests, staff meeting minutes, recommendations / reports on departmental matters, general correspondence, disbursements, leave schedules, CHRON files, departmental programming, etc.)	Retain for as long as administratively useful
Record Disposition Logs	Permanently
Statistics / Records / Reports that Document Compliance with SACS Standards	Until the end of the current applicable accreditation cycle(s) SACS currently runs through 2019), but not less than 5 years
Contracts and Agreements	
¹ Purchase Orders, Contracts, Leases, Agreements (including documents relating to a verbal agreement/contract)	5 from fulfillment of obligations or termination of contract
Repair and Service Records (departmental purchases)	Until equipment disposed of
Warranty Files (departmental purchases)	1 after warranty expiration
Written Delegation of Authority to Sign Contracts	Indefinitely

¹ Including contracts for hire (for freelance designers, writers, photographers, etc.).

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Export Controls	
Export Control Licenses and Associated Documentation [including records related to transactions involving travel to foreign countries or other "exports" (including disclosure of certain technology/information to foreign nationals), for which a license is required.]	Consult the terms of the specific license, but not less than 3 years
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Data/Documents	
² Student Consent to Disclosures of Personally Identifiable Information	As long as education records of the student are maintained
Student Recommendation/Reference Letter (NON-work-study)	2 from date provided
Federal Report and Disclosure Records	
Recruitment Materials: Brochures, Catalogues and Advertising Dealing With Student Admissions, Programs, and Scholarships	4 from date of creation or compilation
Human Resources	
Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements (staff & faculty, where applicable)	2
Job Applications, Employment Inquiries and All Other Records for NON-HIRED Faculty/Staff Applicants (NOT otherwise included in any search committee file)	3 from date of hiring decision
Personnel Files for Faculty/Staff (e.g. supervisor records re: performance/attendance/discipline/etc. that are not otherwise kept in HR or Dean's Office)	5 from separation
References (employees, work-study students, etc.)	Later of 2 after separation or 2 from date provided
Student Worker Personnel Files (including Federal Work-Study students)	5 after graduation or date of last attendance

² Including athlete permission forms to release information to media (maintained by Athletics).

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Insurance and Risk Management	
Waivers/Releases (e.g. Agreements of Responsible Travel, Fitness Center, etc.)	Later of 5 from date signed or 5 from completion of activity
Intellectual Property	
Copyright Release and Permission Forms	3 from date of last use/publication
Public Affairs	
³ Card Magazine Database	No required minimum
⁴ Expert Advisories and Media Advisories	No required minimum
³ Photographs (negatives, digital, etc.)	No required minimum
Press Releases	1
³ Sports Information (resumes of athletic dept.; photos; etc.)	No required minimum
Statements to Media/Press in Response to Specific Incidents/Litigation	1
⁵ Student Designation Form to Release Announcements to Media	No required minimum

³ Currently maintained indefinitely.

⁴ Maintained indefinitely on News Director's computer.

⁵ First-year forms retained for 1 year. Senior and 3L forms retained until two weeks after commencement.