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**Administrative Policy
CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS**

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President's Cabinet

Overview

This procedure details the specific steps that departments within Millersville University must take in order to be authorized to accept credit card payments and ensure compliance with PCI (Payment Card Industry) standards and Red Flag Policies.

All Millersville University, credit card transactions must be processed off site through a third party vendor who is PCI compliant and approved by Millersville University. The

Convenience Fee A fee charged for a bona fide convenience for providing a payment

Procedure

1. An interested department will _____ office to request approval to accept credit card transactions. The Bursar _____ gathers pertinent information such as department project lead, purpose, date requested, etc., for discussion with the Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration.
2. The Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration decides on next steps based on a variety of factors including:
 - a. Necessity for control of cash
 - b. One time vs. recurring need
 - c. Workload involved
 - d. Anticipated revenue
 - e. Customer convenience
3. Vice President for Finance and Administration will have final approval on all new requests to accept credit card transactions.
4. Please note that if online processing is offered by a department and phone or in person credit card transactions are also accepted, then charging a convenience fee transactions will be charged back to the department accepting the credit card payments.
5. Credit cards will not be accepted via the mail. Mail sent from the university will not request credit card information. Instead, instructions regarding payment by credit card should direct the customer to a secure URL (uniform resource locator) or web site for completion of the credit card transactions. Exceptions to this will be approved only by the Vice President for Finance and Administration.
6. If approved, the Bursar _____ reviews the request and forwards information to Accounting and Information Technology.
 - a. Accounting determines the account string for creation of the detail code.
 - b. Information Technology confirms the necessary support and time frame for implementation.
7. _____ request for new service to Official Payments or other designated merchant with start-up date. Department leads will be responsible for testing, verification of necessary wiring and requests for equipment. Once testing is complete and successful, the department lead will report back to the Bursar office to establish the official go-live date.
8. The Bursar _____ will maintain a spreadsheet of existing credit card operations on campus.