SUBJECT: Use and Scheduling of Camp Randall Memorial Park (G.A.R. Park )

FROM: Facilities Use Committee

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Introduction, Background and Authority

The University purchased the 50-acre Camp Randall site, a former Civil War training ground, in 1892. In 1911, a portion of the property was designated as Camp Randall Memorial Park (also known as G.A.R. Park). The park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is designated a Wisconsin State Memorial Park.

The UW-Madison Division of Facilities Planning and Management (FP&M) is responsible for the management and maintenance of this park. The Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs “may approve, recommend and veto any proposed plans, modifications and changes or policies with respect to established state memorials, including Camp Randall memorial park...” (Wis. Stat. 45.35 (3m)(a).

Scheduling Policy

Because of its historical significance, it is not the intent of the University to reserve or regularly schedule large-scale public or private events in this area, however, it is recognized that some events may be compatible with its special status.

Historical re-enactments or teaching/research activities are permitted when such activities are conducted in a manner that does not compromise the ecological and cultural integrity or historic fabric of this important site.

Requests for scheduling events should be submitted to the Central Reservations Office, centralreso@union.wisc.edu or 262-2511. Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by FP&M staff and, when appropriate, FP&M approved proposals will be conveyed to the Board of Veterans Affairs.