

Partnerships with Seattle Pacific's University Ministries and the John Perkins Center: Principles and Procedures

The Office of University Ministries and the John Perkins Center for Reconciliation, Leadership Training and Community Development at Seattle Pacific University provide programming, resources and support for students in the areas of Worship, Spiritual Formation, Reconciliation and Community Engagement. These objectives and our approach are similar to, yet distinct from, the goals of many church congregations and other community organizations. Frequently, we seek to partner with outside organizations to accomplish program goals and help students engage with best-practice models of ministry and community involvement.

Our departments undertake these partnerships with specific goals in mind. The following list outlines important considerations in identifying partnerships that will be most beneficial to our work and to the SPU community:

- Mission fit. Does the proposed project or partnership support SPU's mission and statement of faith?
- Program goals. Does the project or partnership further the work of our departments? Does it duplicate an existing project or program area?
- Timing. Does the project fit well within SPU's academic and programmatic calendars?
- Student timeline. Does the proposed program fit students' academic schedules?
- Staff availability. Do our departments have adequate staff resources to contribute toward the proposed partnership's best outcomes?
- Student support. Does the proposed program provide adequate training, debriefing and support for students? Can students be engaged in this process as learners?

These considerations should not be construed as a checklist for approval; rather, they outline questions which may inform our departments' choice to pursue or forego partnerships and opportunities.

Off-campus organizations are encouraged to pursue partnership with our departments. To initiate contact with a student-led ministry or a department, please use these points of contact:

University Ministries

(206) 281-2966

um@spu.edu

John Perkins Center

(206) 378-5403

perkinscenterstaff@spu.edu

Ample advance notice is appreciated, particularly in proposals involving events or time-sensitive programming.

It is SPU's policy that all church and para-church organizations must obtain permission in order to meet or operate on the campus. For organizations related to the work of the John Perkins Center, the director of the Perkins Center will give the final approval for on-campus events. For other religious organizations and churches wishing to operate or meet on the SPU campus, permission will be at the discretion of the director of University Ministries. Also note that special permission from the Director of Residence Life is necessary for any solicitation in SPU campus housing.