POLICY TITLE: Policy on Bringing Children to Class

OVERVIEW: The College has rules that govern whether or not children may accompany their parents to class.

OFFICE/DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

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The College values family life and has worked to develop policies that support families. While the College seeks to focus on providing an environment open to family issues, it also takes the position that children should not be brought into offices, classrooms and other instructional and student support areas in lieu of having a regular childcare provider.

Upon occasion, extenuating circumstances may arise when students in their role as parent/guardian must bring their children with them to campus. Upon such occasions, with the instructor’s advance permission, children may be brought into the classroom, but they must remain under the direct supervision of the parent/guardian and shall not be permitted to disrupt the learning environment.

This policy is not intended to prohibit appropriately supervised children from the campus when the purpose of their visit is to attend specified cultural or sporting events. Unattended minor children, however, are subject to being detained by the University Police. Parents/guardians failing to supervise their child sufficiently may be asked to remove the child from the premises.

Finally, since students as parents/guardians are responsible for the behavior of their children on campus they are subject to disciplinary sanctions according to the Code of Student Social Conduct for any disruptive or destructive behavior by their children.

Procedures
Department chairpersons, program directors, and classroom instructors will enforce the above policy.