Appropriate Expense Summary

This document provides a summary of the Expenditures listed in the Small Dollar Guidelines. This summary is provided as a tool to determine appropriateness of an expenditure. Users should refer to the Small-Dollar Guidelines for the detailed rules for purchasing each expense type.

Expense Type	Appropriate	Not Appropriate
Food, Meals, and Refreshments	 Internal College Functions – Training, extended meetings, retreats Hosted meals for guests Student Functions Employee Farewell Events for employee leaving the College 	 Food for Personal Life Events Alcoholic Beverages Employee farewell event for employee moving departments
Flowers	 Funeral Employee or immediate family Student Dignitary or immediate family (President) Get-well Birth or adoption of child Decoration of public space 	Personal Life EventsDecoration for Personal Offices
Gifts	 Thank you Gifts for employees going above and beyond – Tangible gifts only Thank you Gifts for non- employees Prize giveaways Profession-Specific Observance Day (under \$25) Retirement Gifts Recognition programs 	 Gift cards to employees as thank you gifts Holiday Gifts Personal Life Events Employee participation in a survey
Greeting Cards	 Recognition programs Birthday Get Well Condolence Holiday Card (President) Thank you 	Personal occasion
Decorations	Decorations for eventsDecorations for public space	Decorations for private offices
Promotional Items	Promotional items with valid business purpose	Promotional items with no ROI
Clothing	 Promotional clothing with a valid business purpose Uniforms 	
Breakroom Supplies	 Tableware, paper towels, tissue Cleaning supplies Kitchen appliances allowed by Facilities Minimal purchases of coffee/cocoa, water, and light snacks 	 Significant refreshments for employee use, including soda and excess candy/snacks.