Auction Policy

The Office for Campus Life has been receiving several requests by student organizations wishing to plan events involving ‘Auctions’. Prior to the auction, organizers must meet with OCL staff to review auction list. The following is a clarification of the existing University policy on the subject of ‘Auctions’.

- Auctions can only auction off specific things (i.e. tickets to a show) or tasks (i.e. cooking dinner). The item being auctioned must be close ended - meaning the nature of what is for sale is specific.
- Specific services can be included, such as four hours of yard work, delivery of meals, etc., as long as the service poses no risk due to special training or equipment needs, eg. house painting.
- The specific service also cannot include setting up a situation in which it is inherent that the “purchaser” will be alone with the "service provider". This might include room cleaning or cooking for someone else. In situations such as these, it must be clear that the "purchaser" will not be present during the cleaning, that the space to be cleaned is a public space, etc. In general, neither party - the "purchaser" or the "service provider" - should be placed in a situation in which he or she feels uncomfortable.
- Unspecified service (eg. four hours of unspecified labor) cannot be auctioned or bought.
- Auctions can never put up for bid an item that involves essentially buying the company of a person.
- Companionship, including dates or escorts, cannot be auctioned or bought.
- Social opportunities can certainly be auctioned (eg. dinner for two at the Four Seasons, the Gittleman’s or dessert at the Bacow’s), but the "purchaser" has the choice of whom to go with if the item is for more than one person. The "service provider" can't be part of the package.
- Each purchaser must sign attached waiver upon purchase of auction item. All waivers must be returned to the Office for Campus Life within 48 hours of the event.
AUCTION POLICY AND WAIVER

I, the Purchaser, have read the Auction Policy as stated below and understand its parameters.

I further understand that if at any time in this process the Auction Item/Service provider feels he/she would like to end the agreement of item or services this transaction is null and void and all monies will be reimbursed.

Signature of Purchaser __________________________________
Signature of Organization Representative ________________________________

Date of Event:    Type of Event:

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More specific guidelines are available in the Office for Campus Life. Please direct any questions regarding this policy to the Office for Campus Life.