

Children in the Classroom

Background and Discussion

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- This semester, concerns were raised about situations involving children in PhilaU classrooms.
- They were brought to the attention of the Executive Deans, Provost, Dean of Students, and administration.

Process

- A working group comprised of Executive and Academic Deans, Dean of Students, Provost's Office, VPA, and CFO.
- Benchmarking was completed.
- For discussion, a policy was drafted:
 - *"Children are not appropriate in the classroom."*
- Statement was presented to and discussed with:
 - Provost's Council
 - Student Experience Committee
- Faculty discussed during Faculty Voices at the Feb. Faculty Meeting.

Final Policy

Children in the Classroom:

The University teaching and learning environment it is not an appropriate setting for children. Faculty and students should refrain from bringing children to class.

With questions or concerns,

- *Students should contact the Dean of Students*
- *Faculty should contact the Executive or Academic Dean of their College or School.*

Final policy will be incorporated in:

- Faculty Manual (2015)
- Adjunct Resource Guide (updated annually)
- Course Catalog (2015-16)
- Student Handbooks

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