I. Purpose:

To provide for proper safeguarding, control, and disposition of property that has been turned into College authorities. The Cashier’s Office will coordinate lost and found items for South Florida State College (SFSC).

II. Procedure:

A. Location of lost and found

1. Lost and found will be located at the Cashier’s Office location on all SFSC sites.

2. The director or person in charge of sites without cashiering areas will act as the point of contact for lost and found and will designate an area for lost and found that is secure (e.g., Crews Center, Teacherage).

B. Items which have been found and turned into lost and found will be controlled as follows:

1. Items of no obvious value may be discarded.

2. Items of recognizable value will be entered into the lost and found log, with the following entries: tag no., description, finder, location, date, disposition, and signature.

3. Electronic media (e.g., flash drives, external hard drives, DVDs, CDs, etc.) will be handed over to Information Technology (IT).

4. Attempts will be made to notify the proper owner if identification is noted on or in the property.

5. Items may be retained for a minimum period of 90 days, during which time the owner may claim the property by proper identification of the item.
6. Items of suspected contraband (e.g., weapons, drugs, etc.) will be turned over to the appropriate legal authority.

C. Property that has value which has not been claimed within 90 days of its being turned into lost and found will be placed up for public sale. All proceeds will be deposited into the College scholarship fund. DVDs and other non-rewriteable media will be destroyed. All data on rewriteable media (e.g., flash drives and external hard drives) will be permanently erased to prevent data recovery.

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