Policy on Flying Unmanned Aircraft Systems on Gamedays

I. POLICY STATEMENT
The unauthorized flying of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) on the campus of Auburn University during football gamedays is prohibited.

II. POLICY PRINCIPLES
For the safety of all Auburn University fans and visitors on gamedays, and in an effort to remain in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations regarding the use of UAS, the unauthorized operation of UAS is strictly prohibited on gamedays.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE
The policy is effective beginning October 24, 2014.

IV. APPLICABILITY
This policy applies to all individuals on the Auburn University campus on gamedays.

V. POLICY MANAGEMENT
Responsible Offices: Auxiliary Services and Department of Campus Safety & Security
Responsible Executive: Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services
Responsible Officer: Executive Director, Department of Campus Safety & Security
Responsible Officer: Auburn Aviation Center Director

VI. DEFINITIONS
Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) is any remotely operated or controlled aircraft intended to fly. This includes devices commonly to as drones and/or model aircraft.

VII. POLICY PROCEDURES
A. When an Auburn University employee or someone serving in an official capacity on behalf of the University observes a UAS flying on the Auburn University campus on a gameday, the Auburn University Department of Campus Safety & Security shall be notified.

B. Upon notification, the Department of Campus Safety and Security will either dispatch someone from that department or request an Auburn Police Officer to respond to the area to notify the operator of this policy and ensure the activity ceases.

VIII. SANCTIONS
A. Upon a first occurrence of a person observed flying a UAS during the prohibited times, he or she will be given a written warning of violation.

B. Upon a second occurrence, the UAS should be confiscated and impounded.

C. If warranted, the university may choose to pursue criminal charges.
IX. EXCLUSIONS

A. No exclusions to this policy will be granted unless a member of the policy management group determines the operation is in its best interest of the university and notifies the other members of the policy management group and the university administration.

B. Approval is also contingent upon the flight being approved the FAA.

C. Any exclusions must be obtained in writing from the Executive Director of the Auburn University Department of Campus Safety & Security as soon as possible but not less than 24 hours prior to the flight.

Online Resources:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/uas_regulations_policy/

https://www.faa.gov/uas/faqs/