

# **Demonstrations and Speakers on Campus**

## **Summary**

The policy on having speakers and/or demonstrations on campus.

## **Purpose**

To provide guidance on having speakers and/or demonstrations on campus.

## **Policy**

### VII. Demonstrations and Speakers on Campus

The University recognizes the rights of freedom of assembly and speech. At the same time, it recognizes its responsibilities for operating and maintaining an orderly educational environment. Requests for speaker approvals will be approved routinely provided suitable physical arrangements can be made and the known presence of the speaker will not disrupt the educational process.

Open exchanges of information, opinions, and ideas between students are an essential element of the campus experience. The policies here are intended to protect the interests of all students as well as other members of the University community. These policies presume that students are generally free to engage in freedom of expression activities in those outdoor areas of campus that are common and accessible to all students (such as park-like areas and sidewalks). The campus is open to expression activities. Users are advised to make reservations through the Office of Student Life and Engagement to prevent conflicting events from trying to use the same space.

Individual and groups engaged in freedom of expression activities on campus may be required to relocate under the following circumstances:

- A. The location selected for the activity is inadequate for the purpose for which it will be used (not big enough for the event, etc.);
- B. The activity substantially interferes with either vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
- C. The activity blocks the ingress or egress to buildings;
- D. The space is not available due to a prior reservation;
- E. The activity conflicts with a previously planned university activity;
- F. The activity creates a sustained or repeated noise disturbance that substantially interferes with the normal activities of the university;
- G. The activity presents an unreasonable danger to the health or safety of the applicant or other individuals;
- H. The activity is prohibited by local, state, or federal law; or
- I. The activity prevents fire protection, law enforcement, or emergency medical service providers from access to areas on campus.

Special Note: Approval for use of sound amplification equipment is submitted through the Office of Student Life and Engagement. Permission will be governed by the above listed standards.

## **Related USG Policy**

12.10 Freedom of Expression

## **Last Update**

4/7/2017

## **Responsible Authority**

Dean of Students