

Purpose

To inform the community, administrators, faculty, staff, and students of their responsibilities and duties concerning freedom of speech on campus.

Scope

This policy is a University policy that applies to all administrators, faculty, staff, and students. Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students will be responsible for the oversight of this policy.

Policy

While verbal reports of Prohibited Conduct will be received and responded to as appropriate considering the wishes of the reporting individual(s) and the circumstances of each case, the University strongly recommends reports of violations of this Policy be submitted in writing. The written complaint

Policy Procedures

Free speech activities will be defined as any activity hosted by an internal or external group that is open to the public or identified by the university as a free speech activity.

Groups wishing to participate in a free speech activity or host an event that is open to the public on campus must be given approval. A reservation must be established through the Director of Auxiliary Services who will work with the Office of Student Affairs for approval of the request in determining a reasonable time, place and manner such activities may take place. The Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students will coordinate with administration as appropriate to determine approval.

- The Director of Auxiliary Services will review all event requests and forward events designated as free speech activities to the Vice President for Student Affairs for review.
- All event costs associated with approved events are the responsibility of the sponsoring organization. These costs include, but are not limited to, additional security personnel and other security measures as determined by University administration.

Conduct including, but not limited to, intentional or negligent disruption of the operations of the University, excess noise, threats, harassment, hate speech, physical abuse, intimidation, endangerment to the health or safety of any person or property, or unauthorized entry into, obstruction of, or occupation of any University owned or controlled property is prohibited and shall be deemed a violation of this policy.

- All individuals – visitors and others – present on University owned or controlled property shall conduct themselves in accordance with the law, University policies, as well as in a manner that maintains a safe environment.

Administrative Oversight: Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Responsible for Implementation: University Administrators