

FREE SPEECH POLICY (SEPT.1, 2018)

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. The Dean of Students will be responsible for the oversight of this policy.

POLICY

In an effort to provide opportunities for free speech and to preserve the academic order of the university, the Office of the Dean of Students has established the following procedures to facilitate free speech on campus.

- Access to University owned or controlled property shall primarily be limited to students, employees and their visitors or guests for the purposes of study, work, teaching, and conducting or attending other University business or activities.
- Anyone wishing to reserve space on campus may do so through the Director of Auxiliary Services. Groups wishing to participate in a free speech activity or host an event that is open to the public on campus may petition the Dean of Students Office who will coordinate with administration to approve a reasonable time, place and manner such activities may take place.
 - The Director of Auxiliary Services will review all event requests and forward events designated as free speech activities to the Dean of Students for review.
 - Free speech activities will be defined as any activity that is open to the public. This does not include athletic or fine arts events.
- The University is a private institution and, as such, reserves the right to restrict or prohibit access to University owned or controlled property and to prohibit certain individuals from being present on University owned or controlled property at any time at its discretion.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Administrative Oversight: Dean of Students
Responsible for Implementation: Dean of Students