

D. Employee

"Employee," in this policy, means an individual who is employed part-time, full-time, or in a temporary capacity by the University.

E. Expressive Activity

"Expressive Activity," in this policy, means the verbal or symbolic expression of an idea, thought or opinion and could include speeches, assembly, marches, parades, rallies, protests, picketing, distribution of non-commercial literature, circulation of petitions, graphic or pictorial displays or similar activities intended to communicate an idea or opinion. Expressive activity does not include speech that is likely to incite or produce imminent lawless action, expression that consists of fighting words or threats of physical harm or expression that is obscene or commercial in nature.

F. Literature

"Literature," in this policy, means any material that does not concern a commercial transaction and is produced in multiple copies for distribution or publication to an audience, including but not limited to flyers, handbills, leaflets, placards, bulletins, newspapers, and magazines, but does not include the North Texas Daily or official University material.

G. Official University Function

"Official University Function," in this policy, means any activity, event, or program sponsored by an academic or administrative unit of the University.

H. Organization

"Organization," in this policy, means a group composed of students, employees, or visitors who come together in pursuit of a common purpose.

I. Outdoor Structure or Exhibit

"Outdoor Structure or Exhibit," in this policy, means anything built, constructed, or displayed temporarily on campus grounds as part of an expressive activity, including tents.

J. Student

"Student," in this policy, means any person who is currently enrolled at the University of North Texas, and, for the purposes of this policy includes student organizations and student groups.

K. University Business Days

"University Business Day," in this policy, means Monday through Friday during regular University business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

L. Visitor

"Visitor," in this policy, means a person who is not a student or employee of the University.

- a. identifying locations and establishing times for use as designated areas;
- b. identifying locations and establishing times for use of amplified sound;
- c. managing requests for reservation of campus grounds under this policy;
- d. relocating or rescheduling expressive activities as allowed under this policy;
- e. developing procedures for reserving areas for expressive activity and use of amplified sound;
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- a. Proposed venue and size of the expected crowd;
 - b. Anticipated needs for campus security;
 - c. Any other accommodations the University deems necessary for the speaker; and
 - d. Relevant history of compliance or noncompliance with University policies by the speaker or the requestor.
3. Use of UNT facilities must follow Facilities Use Coordination and other applicable University policies and procedures.

G. Distribution of Literature

1. Students, employees, and visitors may distribute literature on campus grounds. Individuals who distribute literature are expected to collect all literature that is left over or that is on the ground in the area in which it is distributed.
2. Literature distributed under this policy by a student, employee, or visitor cannot contain any University trademarks without the express written consent of the University.

H. Commercial Speech

Expressive activities do not include commercial speech for purposes of this policy.

I. Outdoor Exhibits and Structures

1. Outdoor exhibits and structures may be placed only in designated areas. However, individuals may place displays on existing easel-type supports on campus grounds that are open and accessible for expressive activity. Outdoor exhibits and structures are subject to the following limitations:
 - a. exhibits and structures may not exceed twenty-five feet in length or width or fifteen feet in height;
 - b. exhibits and structures may not extend onto any sidewalks or walkways in such a way as to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic or otherwise present an unreasonable threat to public safety; and
 - c. the interior of three-dimensional structures or exhibits must be fully visible from at least one side of the exhibit or structure, and no exhibit or structure may provide opportunity for individuals to be completely secluded from view.
2. Individuals setting up an outdoor exhibit or structure are responsible for cleanup of the area surrounding the exhibit or structure and shall return it to its original condition at the completion of the expressive activity. Individuals involved in the setup of an outdoor exhibit or structure shall not damage UNT property or grounds

3. Exhibits may only be set up in accordance with this policy and UNT Policy 07.029 Prohibition of Camping on University Property. The Dean of Students Office must be notified at least five (5) business days prior to the proposed activity involving an outdoor exhibit or structure.
4. Exception to the dimension limitations may be granted by the Dean of Students Office upon a showing by the individual or organization seeking the exception that the exhibit will not present a safety hazard and will not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Proof of insurance to cover injury or damage to persons or property does not entitle the individual or organization to an exception to the dimension limitations. Requests for exception to the outdoor exhibit dimension limitations must be made at least five (5) business days in advance of the desired display date.

J. Review of Decisions and Other Actions Related to Expressive Activity.

1. Individuals who disagree with a decision regarding their use of campus grounds for expressive activity or who reasonably believe a student, employee or visitor has violated this policy may request review by the Vice President for Student Affairs. The request for review must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the third business day after notice of the decision that is being challenged or within a reasonable time after the person becomes aware of a possible policy violation.
2. The request must be submitted in writing and provide:
 - a. the specific reason(s) the individual or organization disagrees with the decision or believes a policy violation has occurred, as applicable; and
 - b. all information the individual or organization believes will assist the Vice President for Student Affairs in reaching a determination on the matter.
3. The Vice President for Student Affairs will issue a written decision within a reasonable time, usually within three (3) business days of receipt of a request. The Vice President's decision is final.

K. Disciplinary Sanctions for Interference with Expressive Activity

Students and employees who unduly interfere with expressive activities of others on campus are subject to disciplinary action under the UNT Code of Student Conduct or applicable faculty and staff discipline policies.

L. Education and Resources

The University will make this policy available by:

1. publication on the University website and academic catalogs; and
2. providing the policy to all new students and employees during orientation programs and through the University policy manual.

V. Resources/Forms/Tools

[Request to Reserve Designated Areas](#)

[Request to Reserve Designated Areas for Parades, Marches, and Rallies](#)

VI. References and Cross-References

[Texas Education Code § 51.9315](#)

[UNT Policy 04.032, Solicitation](#)

[UNT Policy 05.015 Ethics and Standards of Conduct](#)

[UNT Policy 05.033,](#)