

Kennesaw State University Freedom of Expression Policy

A. Purpose and Overview of Policy

Amendment rights of all individuals, including freedom of speech and peaceable assembly. KSU also recognizes its responsibility to provide a secure learning

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commercial speech and activities protected by the First Amendment, including speeches, performances, demonstrations, marches, protests, picketing, and the distribution of non-commercial literature. Commercial speech is regulated by KSU solicitation policies. Demonstrations and assembly can be valid expression for all opinions, including dissenting opinions, provided that the demonstration or assembly does not disrupt academic and administrative functions of the University. KSU affirms its commitment to the First Amendment rights of those on its campuses even though the language or ideals of those seeking a venue for free expression may contradict University ideals or the personal views of KSU students and employees.

Individuals or groups of people who are not members of the campus community may

the reservation of indoor facilities, which is governed by procedures set forth at <https://events.kennesaw.edu>.

Designated Campus Areas are only required as set forth in Section C and Section D below, KSU recommends that all parties interested in utilizing the Designated Campus

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from the group should provide the University with as much notice as circumstances reasonably permit. KSU reserves the right to direct a group of 30 or more persons to one of the Designated Campus Areas or another available area of campus in order to ensure the safety of campus members, to provide for proper crowd control, and to limit disruption of the academic and other operations of the University. The KSU official must not consider or impose restrictions based on the content or viewpoint of the expression when relocating any expression.

D. Provisions for Non-Campus Members

Individuals or groups of people who are not enrolled at or employed by KSU may only

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Dean of Students at least four (4) university business days prior to the scheduled speech and obtaining approval for such use in writing from a Student Affairs official

pursuant to the Student Affairs Policy Manual, Article 13, Section 13.06, titled "Non-Campus Members".

No interruption of the orderly conduct of University classes or other University activities, including University ceremonies and events, is permitted.

Motor vehicles may not be used indoors or in any outdoor area of campus except roads and parking lots.

The representative who makes the reservation shall be responsible for seeing that the area is left clean and in good repair. If not accomplished, persons or organizations responsible for the event may be held financially responsible for cleanup costs for removal of signs, placards, litter, an

authorized representative must sign a form acknowledging agreement to make restitution for any litter or speaker or group.

KSU Public Safety and other appropriate administrators will be notified upon receipt of the reservation request. The reservation request is a public record and submitted requests will be released to interested parties in accordance with the terms of the Georgia Open Records Act.

The University reserves the right to refuse to permit individuals or groups to assemble, demonstrate, protest, or otherwise express themselves in the Designated Campus Areas if the individual or group refuses to abide by these administrative procedures and guidelines.

Speakers or organizations failing to comply with the above policy may be asked to leave, a trespass warning may be issued, and/or University disciplinary action or judicial action may be pursued.

KSU cannot be held responsible for the safety of children or other individuals participating in an event. Persons under the age of 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

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