

PRP 2100 - POLICY ON TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER GUIDELINES FOR THE EXERCISE OF EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITIES

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I. Introduction

The primary function of Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania (the "University") is to serve as an inclusive comprehensive

II. Definitions

A. "Commercial Speech" means advertisements, solicitations, or testimonials for goods or services, including distribution of commercial leaflets, fliers, handbills, or similar messaging.

B. "Designated Public Forum" means any area of campus that has been specifically dedicated to the Expressive Activities of both University Community Members and the General Public. Such areas are specifically defined in Appendix A.

C. "Designated University Forum" means any area of campus that has been either specifically dedicated or long held out as open to the speech of University Community Members. Such areas are specifically defined in Appendix A.

D. "Disruptive Conduct" means conduct that unnecessarily disturbs others, or is disruptive to the normal practices, processes, or functions of the University, institution, business, or local municipalities; conduct that is retaliatory; conduct directed at a person that serves no legitimate purpose and seriously alarms or intimidates that person; or conduct that constitutes unlawful discrimination based on another person's race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, creed, age, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, veteran

F. "Expressive Activity" includes constitutionally Protected Speech and assembly, including but not limited to oral presentations, demonstrations, ma³

S. "Student" means anyone who is registered and currently enrolled in one or more for-credit courses offered by the University, including internships and clinical placements located on or off campus.

T. "University Community Member" means a University Unit or member thereof, Emx " m r siteo

IV. Procedures

A. Scope

1. This policy applies to Expressive Activities of University Community Members and the General Public on University Property. Expressive Activity, as defined by this policy, is not permitted in Non-Public-on-Campus Areas except in accordance with University policies and procedures.

2. No ExpressivnUniversis

participants. If the requested space is already reserved, the University will arrange for an alternative date, time, or location.

(2) Requestors should make a written request to BUPD no less than five business days prior to the anticipated Expressive Activity.

2. Designated University Forums

a) Designated University Forums are available to University Community Members for Expressive Activity on a first-come basis. Designated University Forums are identified in Appendix A.

(1) To reserve a space, contact BUPD. Requests should include the time, date, and duration of the proposed event along with the reasonably expected number of attendees or participants. If the requested space is already reserved, the University will arrange for an alternative date, time, or location.

(2) Requestors should make a written request BUPD no less than five business days prior to the anticipated Expressive Activity.

3. Amplification

a) Speakers who wish to use sound amplification must contact BUPD prior to use. In all cases, sound amplification may not exceed a decibel reading of 70dBA when measured

(c) Scheduled maintenance or repair of the property;

(d) violation of this policy.

(a) If the denial is for failure to abide by this policy, then the University will provide the requestor a reasonable opportunity to correct the violation.

b) The University will provide notice of denial within two business days of receipt of the request.

7. Denial Appeals

a) If a request is denied, then the requestor may appeal the decision to the University's Vice President of Administration and Finance within one business day of receipt of the denial. The Vice President of Administration and Finance or their designee will respond within two business days after the appeal. The decision of the Vice President of Administration and Finance on appeal shall be final.

C. Conditions of Use

1. All Expressive Activities must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, including all laws, regulations, and ordinances—e.g. traffic, fire prevention and safety, sound, etc. Additionally, all Speakers engaging in Expressive Activities must abide by all applicable policies of the University and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

2. Specific Prohibitions

a) The following are prohibited:

(1) Disrupting University Operations/ o

a) Dissenters, counter-speakers, and protesters have the same speech rights as those who are conducting or attending a planned meeting or Expressive Activity. This provision should not be construed to establish a "hecklers' veto." If University

5. Security

a) The University reserves the right to provide security in an effort to protect both Speakers and University Community Members.

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<p>Price Performance and Auditorium</p>	<p>The exterior front steps of Price Performance Center's main entrance</p>	<p>Sidewalk area in front of the main entrance leading into Price Performance Center leading down to the top step of the walkway steps in front of Price Performance Center</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Poorman Commons Amphitheater</p>	<p>Amphitheater located at the Poorman Commons</p>	<p>Bordered to the north by Price performance center bottom steps, east Alumni pavilion, south by Poorman Commons walkway</p>	<p>N/A</p>



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