

PART 5. STUDENT AFFAIRS

SUBPART 5-1 FREEDOM ON THE CAMPUS

Sec. 5.101. Statement of Principles. The University recognizes, endorses, and abides by the principles of free speech that flow from the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Protected speech cannot be completely suppressed solely because of the audiences' approval or disapproval of its content. Yet, there is no absolute right to assemble or to make or hear a speech, at any time or place regardless of the circumstances, content of speech, purpose of assembly, or probable consequences of such meeting or speech. In addition, the First Amendment will not protect expression where reasonable content-neutral University rules and regulations have not been followed.

Sec. 5-102. Rights Reserved to the University. The University reserves the right to deny permission to University organizations or units and/or community groups that may wish to sponsor lecturers, entertainers, groups, or exhibitions that may be in conflict with the University's policies or local ordinances. The University's Division of Student Affairs shall be responsible for administering policies and procedures to regulate campus activities and to control the use of University facilities in order to, amongst other legitimate purposes, maintain order on campus, avoid disruption of the educational mission, promote an educational atmosphere, and promote safety and security. Such policy shall be issued by the Vice President for Student Affairs and approved by the President.

Cross Reference:

Student Affairs Policy, *Freedom on the Campus*

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