08.02.99.C1 Expressive Activity on Campus

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Revision History

Rule Summary

System Policy *08.02*, *Expressive Activity on Campus* requires adoption of a university rule. This rule identifies common outdoor areas that are not considered public forums, designates other public forums on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), including reservable designated public forums, provides reservation requirements, and provides a grievance process for addressing complaints for violations of an individual's expressive activity rights. This rule should be read in conjunction with System Regulation *08.02.01*, *Expressive Activity on Campus*.

Definitions

Definitions from System Regulation *08.02.01*, *Expressive Activity on Campus*, are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Rule

1. GENERAL

   The rights and responsibilities related to expressive activities on campus are set forth in System Regulation *08.02.01, Expressive Activity on Campus*. Nothing in this rule will be construed to amend or alter the rights and responsibilities outlined in that regulation. Students, staff, faculty, and community members are encouraged to review System Regulation *08.02.01, Expressive Activity on Campus* to understand their rights and responsibilities while on campus.

2. DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC FORUMS

   2.1. As outlined in System Regulation *08.02.01, Expressive Activity on Campus* all common outdoor areas are deemed traditional public forums unless otherwise designated by this rule.

2.2. The Lee Plaza Islander Tribute Student Memorial is not to be considered a public forum.

3. RESERVABLE DESIGNATED PUBLIC FORUMS

The following designated public forums are available for reservation and may be reserved with advance notice and subject to availability:

(a) Anchor Plaza

(b) Bay Hall Lawn

(c) Center for Instruction Courtyard

(d) Curlew Plaza

(e) Dr. Hector P. Garcia Plaza

(f) East Lawn

(g) Engineering Plaza

(h) Hike & Bike Trail

(i) Island Hall Lawn

(j) Lee Plaza

(k) Performing Arts Center Plaza

(l) Sam's Place Palapa

(m) Sea Breeze Patio

(n) University Center North Porch

(o) Covered sidewalks

4. ADVANCE RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS

In an effort to ensure safety and to promote an environment conducive to study, advanced reservation for expressive activity is required for events or activities that are near pedestrian and/or vehicular intersections, and/or near academic buildings anytime classes, study activities, and/or research are taking place.

5. RESERVATION PROCESS

5.1. The decision to confirm a request for space will be based on proper and timely

completion of the Outdoor Space Reservation Request Form (faculty, staff, and students) or Event Services process (third parties), compliance with applicable requirements, and availability of space.

5.1.1. University faculty, staff, and students may access the Outdoor Space Reservation Request Form though IEngage using university login credentials. This form may also be accessed via the Appendix section of this rule.

5.1.2. Third parties must utilize the reservation process as outlined on the Event Services website.

5.2. At the time of the request, the following information will be required:

(a) Name of the person or organization hosting and/or sponsoring the event and contact information for one individual who will be present during the course of the event.

(b) Location, date, and time requested for the event.

(c) General purpose of the event.

(d) List of planned activities (i.e. speech or rally, march with signs, distribution of literature, sit-in).

(e) Special equipment requested.

(f) Estimated number of attendees.

(g) Any additional safety information/risk management forms required by Environmental Health & Safety and/or University Services for outdoor spaces.

5.3. The decision to confirm the request will be based on the foregoing criteria, and in no circumstance will any decision be based on the content or viewpoint of the expressive activity or upon the expected reaction of others. If a request is denied, the rationale for the decision will be provided in writing. The denial of a reservation request can be appealed to the Vice President for Student Engagement & Success or a designee.

5.4. For recognized student organizations, a member of the sponsoring/hosting organization must be present during the entire course of the event to retain the reservation.

5.5. The university reserves the right to locate or relocate any event or assembly to ensure that the activity does not interfere with the normal operation of the

university or interfere with the rights of others.

6. THIRD-PARTY EVENTS

Events organized by a third party and held on campus must be sponsored/hosted by a recognized student organization or a university academic or administrative unit, in accordance with university procedure *24.01.99.C0.01, Guest Speakers, Lecturers, and Entertainers*.

7. GRIEVANCES

7.1. Any person who believes that their campus expressive activity rights, as recognized by this rule and System Regulation *08.02.01, Expressive Activity on Campus*, have been unduly interfered with by a student, student organization, or university employee has the right to file a grievance.

7.2. Faculty, staff, students, and third parties may file a grievance with the Compliance Services department.

7.3. Those who choose to observe and/or listen to expressive activities bear the responsibility of recognizing and honoring the right of free speech. Any acts that are disruptive to the normal operations of the university, including classes and university business, or that invade the rights of others will not be tolerated.

7.4. A student, student organization, or employee who is found to have unduly interfered with another person's expressive activity rights, as recognized by this rule, is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the university's applicable rules and procedures. Any participant involved in a disruptive activity may also face criminal charges.

7.5. Compliance Services is responsible for the complaint according to its normal procedures. Grievances may be referred to another office for review and further action, when appropriate.

8. IMPLEMENTATION

8.1. A copy of this rule and System Regulation *08.02.01, Expressive Activity on Campus* will be included in the university published student code of conduct and provided to students during the university's new student orientation.

8.2. A copy of this rule and System Regulation *08.02.01, Expressive Activity on Campus* will be provided to new employees during the university's new hire orientation program.

8.3. A copy of this rule and System Regulation *08.02.01, Expressive Activity on*

Campus will be provided to third parties during the reservation process.

8.4. A link to this rule and System Regulation *08.02.01, Expressive Activity on Campus* will be included in university-maintained student and employee handbooks.

8.5. A copy of this rule and System Regulation *08.02.01, Expressive Activity on Campus* will be posted to the University Handbook of Rules and Procedures website.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Texas Education Code § 51.9315, Protected Expression on Campus
Texas Government Code § 448.001
Executive Order GA-44 (March 27, 2024)
System Regulation *08.01.01, Civil Rights Compliance*
System Policy *08.02, Expressive Activity on Campus*
System Regulation *08.02.01, Expressive Activity on Campus*
University Rule *07.03.01.C1, Political Campaign Events in University Facilities*
University Procedure *08.01.02.C0.02, Accommodations at University Facilities and Events*
University Procedure *21.99.09.C0.01, Access to University Property for Soliciting Donations and for Sales and Rentals*
University Procedure *24.01.99.C0.01, Guest Speakers, Lecturers, and Entertainers*
University Procedure *33.04.99.C0.01, Non-Research Animals on University Property and in Facilities*
University Procedure *41.01.01.C0.01 Use of University Facilities*
University Procedure *41.01.01.C0.04, Facility Use Rental and Recovery of Charges*

This rule supersedes:

- *07.03.01.C0.01, Freedom of Speech, Assembly, and Demonstration*
- *08.99.99.C1, Expressive Activity on Campus*

Appendix

Outdoor Space Reservation Request Form
University Student Code of Conduct

Contact Office

Contact for clarification and interpretation:	Compliance Services 361.825.5826