

**1. Title**

Speech and Assembly

**2. Rule and Regulation**

Sec. 1 Time, Place, and Manner. The freedoms of speech and assembly are basic and essential to intellectual development. However, these activities are subject to the well-established right of colleges and universities to regulate time, place, and manner so that the activities do not intrude upon or interfere with the academic programs and administrative processes of The University of Texas System or any of the institutions. Each institution may designate one or more appropriate areas on the campus where students, faculty, and staff may engage in rallies, group demonstrations, or public oratory without prior administrative approval. All rallies, group demonstrations, and public oratory must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Rule and the reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules and regulations of the institution.

Sec. 2 Campaign for Public Office. Students, faculty, or staff who are candidates for public office, or who wish to campaign on behalf of a particular candidate or candidates, may engage in conduct in behalf of such candidacy in the areas designated pursuant to this Section or in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 below relating to off-campus speakers. A person who is not a student, a faculty member, or a staff member may speak on behalf of such a candidacy only in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 below relating to off-campus speakers.

Sec. 3 Regulation of Off-Campus Speakers. The Board of Regents has, and reserves the right to, regulate the presentation of guest speakers on the campus who are unaffiliated with the U. T. System or any of the institutions thereof (hereafter referred to as off-campus speakers).

3.1 Only registered student organizations, faculty or staff organizations, System-owned dormitories, and Student Government may present off-campus speakers on the campus.

3.2 The organization sponsoring an off-campus speaker has the responsibility of making clear the fact that the organization, not the institution, is extending the

invitation to speak and that any views the speaker may express are his or her own and not necessarily those of the System or of any institution.

- 3.3 An off-campus speaker is subject to all provisions of federal, State, and local laws.
- 3.4 Registered student organizations, faculty or staff organizations, University-owned dormitories, and the students' association may be permitted the use of System-owned facilities to present off-campus speakers on campus pursuant to the facilities use regulations of the System and the institution.
- 3.5 An application for the use of any facility of the System or any of the institutions must be made to the Chancellor of the U. T. System or the president of an institution, or his or her delegate, at least 48 hours before the time the event is scheduled to take place.
- 3.6 No person shall be permitted on any campus of the System to engage in speech, either orally or in writing, which is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action.
- 3.7 No off-campus speaker who is to be paid from State funds as consideration for his or her speech shall be permitted to speak on the campus of any institution of the System unless the university facility in which the speech is to be delivered will be open to the public, including members of the news media, who will be entitled to record, videotape, or telecast live portions of the speech. The provisions of this Subdivision do not apply to classes, seminars, symposia, and conferences intended for the use and benefit of students, faculty, staff, and invited guests. No person may in any way obstruct or lessen in any way the opportunity for the audience to take the fullest advantage of the speech, including the opportunity to see and hear the speaker during the entire speech.

**3. Definitions**

None

**4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes**

None

**5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms**

None

**6. Who Should Know**

Administrators  
Students  
Faculty  
Staff

**7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule**

Office of Academic Affairs  
Office of Health Affairs

**8. Dates Approved or Amended**

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**9. Contact Information**

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