

<b>DATE POLICY REQUEST TO PET:</b>	March 25, 2025		
<b>IS THIS A NEW POLICY OR CHANGE TO AN EXISTING POLICY?</b>	<b>NEW</b>		<b>EXISTING</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>CURRENT POLICY TITLE:</b>	11.12 / Use of University Campus for Free Expression Activities		
<b>REVISED POLICY TITLE:</b>			

	RSC Events Services – Maria Ciski
	University Event and Meeting Services – James Brewster
	Workforce Professional and Community Education – Kimberly Moore
	UPD – Guy Schroeder
	Strategic Communications – Shelly Coleman-Martins
	Human Resources – Lana Anthis, Julisa Khan, Diana Austin, Nathan Johnson
	Faculty Senate – Mathew Muether [PENDING]
	Staff Senate – Kennedy Rogers [PENDING]
	University Deans [PENDING]
<b>OTHER NOTES FOR CONSIDERATION:</b>	
N/A	
<b>OWNER OF POLICY REQUEST FOR QUESTIONS:</b>	Stacia Boden and Teri Hall

## 11.12 / USE OF UNIVERSITY CAMPUS FOR FREE EXPRESSION ACTIVITIES

### INITIATING AUTHORITY

- A. Division of Student Affairs and Division of Administration, Finance and Operations serve as the initiating authorities for this policy.

### PURPOSE

- A. The University is committed to supporting the rights of individuals and groups to engage in Expressive Activities on University Premises. The purpose of this policy is to articulate and clarify this long-standing commitment in a manner that furthers both freedom of expression and the University's mission of teaching, research, and public service.

### POLICY

- A. **Expressive Activities Permitted.** Individuals and groups are permitted to engage in Expressive Activities on University Premises, subject to reasonable restrictions as set forth in this policy and the Kansas Board of Regents Policy Manual Chapter II, Sections E.16 and F.2.
- B. **Content Neutral.** All scheduling, oversight, and enforcement related to Expressive Activities on University Premises will be carried out in a content-neutral manner. Expression cannot and should not be suppressed because some or even most members of the University Community consider the expression to be offensive, unwise, immoral, or wrong. It is for the individual members of the University Community, not for the University as an institution, to make those decisions for themselves.
- C. **Reasonable Restrictions.** The University may impose reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions to prevent disruption or interference with the operations and functions of the institution, damage to property, or threats to the health or safety of the University Community, including the following:
  - 1. **Time.** By setting reasonable restrictions on the time for an Expressive







procedures outlined by [18.01 / Campus-Wide Law Enforcement](#), and be coordinated through the University Chief of Police or their designee. The employment of armed or unarmed security officers to work on University Premises must be approved by the University Chief of Police.

**F. Compliance, Enforcement, and Safety**

1. Failure to comply with any University or Kansas Board of Regents policies, procedures, regulations, requirements, local ordinances, state or federal laws may be considered a violation. A violation may result in University sanctions or discipline imposed on the individual. signed on 01/01/2019 at 10:59 AM by [redacted] Trial 103e59 x>BDC
2. The University may suspend, cancel, restrict or prohibit any activity or event if it is determined, after consideration of the circumstances, that the activity or event creates or will create an imminent threat of danger to persons or property or will impede the University's orderly operation.
3. The enforcement of this policy and decisions to suspend, cancel, restrict, or prohibit any activity or event are designated to the Vice President for Student Affairs or University Chief of Police, or designees of each.

**DEFINITIONS**

A. For the purpose of this policy only, the following definitions shall apply:

1. **Approved University Event:** An event, other than academic classes scheduled as part of the curriculum, which is held in a University building

5. **Political Activity:** Any expression, event, or activity whose major purpose is to (1) support or oppose any candidate for federal, state, or local office, or (2) support or oppose a position on a political issue (this may include candidate debates).
6. **Recognized Student Organization (RSO):** Any student-led organization that has been approved and is recognized pursuant to the RSO Handbook.
7. **University:** Wichita State University, and University Controlled Affiliated Organizations (e.g., Wichita State University Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Inc., Wichita State University Union Corporation, Wichita State University Innovation Alliance, Inc., and WSIA Investments Corporation) and Non-Controlled Affiliate Organizations (e.g., Wichita State University Foundation and Alumni Engagement).
8. **University Community:** Students, administrators, faculty and staff of the University and guests invited to the University by the University's students,



of intent form. Expressive Activity locations will be available on a first-come basis and will be assigned by the University Event and Meeting Services office. Considerations will be taken regarding the information provided on the notification of intent form. University Event and Meeting Services will respond within a reasonable time period (every effort will be made to respond within 24 hours of receiving a reservation request).

**C. Appeal of Decisions.**







- a) Compliance with Policies and Laws. All events, activities, individuals, and groups must remain in compliance with all applicable University and Kansas Board of Regents policies, procedures, regulations and requirements for the maintenance of order and the prevention of interference with the conduct of the University. Support of any and all governing federal, state and local laws, including traffic laws and ordinances.
- b) Unprotected Speech or Conduct. Conduct or speech that inflicts or threatens harm, causes a breach of the peace, consists of fighting words, incites individual(s) to commit a crime ~~cause by orderly and peaceful means~~, is defamatory or rises to the level of obscenity, is not protected Expressive Activity and is not permitted so long as it does not disrupt the operations of University Premises.
- c) Safety, Threats and Harassment. Expressive Activity must not create safety hazards or pose unreasonable safety risks to institution, damage property, or otherwise threaten the University Community. The University may restrict Expressive Activities to ensure the health or safety of others. All individuals to prevent true threats or harassment and to protect property. Speakers including individuals engaged in Expressive Activity protes4(ti 0 g 021.e W\*912 w;





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peaceful assembly, speeches, marches, protests, picketing, leafletting, and similar expressive communications and activities.

2.5. Political Activity ~~," Political Activity includes any~~Any expression, event, or activity whose major purpose is to (1) support or oppose any candidate for federal, state, or local office, or (2) support or oppose a position on a political issue (this may include candidate debates).

6. Recognized Student Organization(RSO): Any studented organization



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- B. KBOR Statement on Free Expression
- C. Kansas Board of Regents Policy Manual, Ch.II.E.16 Use of Campus Grounds and Facilities
- D. Kansas Board of Regents Policy Manual, Ch.II.F.2 Interference with Conduct of Institution
- E. WSU Policy 3.17 / Political and Lobbying Activities by Employees
- F. WSU Policy 11.10 / Poster/Flyer Policy for University Grounds Facilities
- G. WSU Policy 11.15 / On-Campus Sales or Commercial Activities by Outside Businesses
- H. WSU Policy 11.22 / Political Activities and Campus Facilities

VII. REVISION DATES

- A. August 7, 2020
- B. April 25, 2023
- ~~C.~~ December 5, 2023 (maintenance updates only)