

08.02.99.H1 Expressive Activity on Campus

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Rule Summary

[System Policy 08.02, *Expressive Activity on Campus*](#), requires adoption of a member rule. This rule identifies common outdoor areas that are not considered public forums, designates other public forums on the Texas A&M University-Texarkana (A&M-Texarkana) campus, including reservable designated public forums, provides reservation requirements and procedures, and provides a grievance process for addressing complaints for violations of an individual's expressive activity rights.

Definitions

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

Rule

1. EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY

The rights and responsibilities related to expressive activities on campus are set forth in [System Regulation 08.02.01](#). 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 the regulation to understand their rights and responsibilities while on campus.

2. DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC FORUMS

- 2.1. As outlined in [System Regulation 08.02.01](#), all common outdoor areas are deemed traditional public forums unless otherwise designated by this rule.
- 2.2. The following common outdoor spaces are not to be considered public forums:
 - 2.2.1. Areas surrounding Central Plant Building, including cooling towers, driveway to rear, and parking and storage areas immediately around and behind building.

3. RESERVABLE DESIGNATED PUBLIC FORUMS

- 3.1. The following public forums may be reserved with advance notice and subject to availability:
- 3.1.1. University Center East Lawn
 - 3.1.2. University Center West Lawn
 - 3.1.3. Lakeside Dock

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 intersections, and/or near academic buildings anytime classes, study activities, and/or research are taking place.

5. RESERVATION PROCEDURES

- 5.1. Registered Student Organizations wishing to reserve a Reservable Designated Public Forum should do so through Student Life. Employees wishing to reserve a Reservable Designated Public Forum for university-sponsored activities may do so through their respective college or department. Employees wishing to reserve a Reservable Designated Public Forum for their personal expressive freedom should follow the process for Third Party Events in Section 6.
- 5.2. **The university reserves the right to locate or relocate any assembly to ensure that the activity does not interfere with the normal operation of the university or interfere with the rights of others.**
- 5.3. The decision to confirm a request for space will be based on proper and timely completion of the Reservation Request form, compliance with applicable requirements, and availability of space.
- 5.4. The decision to confirm 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 Life or a designee.

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

- Name information of the person or organization sponsoring the event. Contact information for one individual who will be present during the course of the event.
 - Location, date and time requested for the event.
 - General purpose of the event.
 - List of planned activities (i.e. speech or rally, march with signs, distribution of literature, sit-in).
 - Special equipment requested.
 - Anticipated attendance.
- 5.5 For recognized student organizations, a member of the sponsoring organization must be present at the event and during the entire course of the event to retain the reservation.

6. THIRD PARTY EVENTS

Third Parties wishing to reserve Reservable Designated Public Forums should contact the Office of Finance and Administration as outlined in [University Procedure 41.99.99.H0.01, Rental of University Facilities by Non-University Groups](#).

7. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- 7.1. Any person who believes that their campus expressive activity rights, as recognized by this rule and [System Regulation 08.02.01](#), have been unduly interfered with by a student, student organization, or employee has the right to file a grievance.
- 7.2. Grievances may be filed with the Office of Ethics and Compliance.
- 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. 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 in a disruptive activity may also face criminal charges. The office listed in section 7.2 of this rule 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](#) must be provided to students during New Student Conferences and other new student orientation programs.
- 8.2. This rule and [System Regulation 08.02.01](#) must be posted on the university's website.
- 8.3. A link to this rule must be included in student and employee handbooks, if maintained by the university.

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 Policy 08.02, Expressive Activity on Campus](#)

[System Regulation 08.02.01, Expressive Activity on Campus](#)

[University Procedure 41.99.99.H0.01, Rental of University Facilities by Non-University Groups](#)

[University Procedure 41.99.99.H0.02, Use of University Facilities by University Groups](#)

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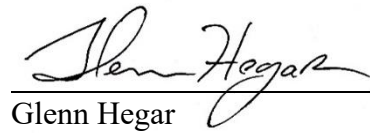


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