

# **Campus Protocol and Policy for Programs and Events that Express a Viewpoint or Support for a Cause**

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Valparaiso University believes in the rights of its community members to learn and work freely and that freedom of expression is critical to the educational mission of the University (see *Valparaiso University Free Speech Policy*). As such, Valparaiso University students are free to exhibit and support their views by lawful and peaceful demonstration and in a manner consistent with the *Valparaiso University Free Speech Policy*.

**NOTE:** Valparaiso University Marketing and Communications is responsible for communications including media relations, public relations, publications, advertising/marketing, and web sites for the University. While individuals are free to speak to the press regarding personal positions, only the University's President can support, endorse, or oppose a position or statement on behalf of the University.

## **1. Time, Place and Manner**

- a. Please see the *Campus Protocol for Time, Place and Manner for Demonstrations or Rallies* for information on the definition of Time, Place and Manner at Valparaiso University.

## **2. Events Covered by the Protocol and Policy for Programs and Events that Express a Viewpoint or Support for a Cause**

- a. Any program or event planned with the purpose of gathering the University community to raise awareness about, or express a viewpoint on any issue or cause must be hosted by current University faculty, staff, students or a recognized student organization in order to take place on campus. Outside entities may not host events that express a viewpoint or support for a cause on campus. Outside entities/individuals' members will be asked to leave if they do not adhere to the expectations set in this policy.

## **3. Prohibited Conduct**

- a. Any behavior that is disruptive (regardless of intent) to the rights of others or behavior which denies the daily productive functioning of self or others will not be permitted (see *Student Handbook*). This includes but is not limited to the following:
  - i. Disrupt, disturb, or interfere with educational or administrative activities, events, or operations inside or outside any building.
  - ii. Obstruct, disrupt, or attempt by physical force to cancel or discontinue speech by any speaker, or the observation of speech by any person intending to see or hear a speaker.
  - iii. Intentional or unintentional obstruction of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on University premises or at University-sponsored or supervised functions.
  - iv. Obstruct any entrance or exit to any building, assembly space, driveway, parking lot, vehicular path, stairway or walkway or impede entry to or exit from any such area

- v. Enter into any building or facility or occupy any university property without appropriate authorization.
  - vi. Destruction, damage or defacement of personal, public or University property.
  - vii. Violate any applicable federal, state, or local law, rule, or ordinance
  - viii. While amplified sounds (voices, music, noisemakers) may be part of a program or event, those that impact the operations of the University may need to be lowered at the discretion of the University official on site. Amplified sound may only be used during the hours of 9:00 am to 10:00 pm Central Time.
  - ix. Failure to comply with any reasonable instruction by the Valparaiso University Police Department or any university official acting in the performance of their duty is not permitted and may result in further action by the University.
- b.** This policy applies to all students and employees of Valparaiso University. Students and employees who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary processes as outlined in the Faculty Handbook, Staff Handbook, or Student Handbook.