

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY RULE**



08.02.99.P1 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 campus of Prairie View A&M University, including reservable designated public forums, outlines the reservation requirements and procedures, and establishes a grievance process for addressing complaints related to violations of an individual's expressive activity rights.

Rule

1. EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY

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 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, notated on the Campus Map, are not to be considered public forums:
 - 2.2.1 The Prairie View A&M University Cemetery (Wyatt Chapel Community Cemetery); and,
 - 2.2.2 The Abner Davis Memorial Statute.

3. RESERVABLE DESIGNATED PUBLIC FORUMS

- 3.1 The following public forums, notated on the Campus Map, may be reserved with advance notice and subject to availability:
 - 3.1.1 Outside street area North of the Willie A. Tempton, Sr. Memorial Student Center, located at L.W. Minor Street;

- 3.1.2 Holland and Gaines Memorial Student Park;
- 3.1.3 Student Park located near the Jessie & Mary Gibbs Jones Agriculture Research Building;
- 3.1.4 Alumni Field;
- 3.1.5 Practice Field/Intramural Sports Field;
- 3.1.6 Tent City Field; and,
- 3.1.7 Fountain area located behind W.R. Banks Building.

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. ON-CAMPUS RESERVATION PROCEDURES

- 5.1 All on-campus departments and registered student organizations that wish to reserve space should submit their request to the Office of Student Engagement via PV PawLink.
- 5.2 **Prairie View A&M 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, 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 Affairs or their designee.
 - 5.4.1 At the time of the request, the following information will be required:
 - 5.4.1.1 Name of the person or organization sponsoring the event.
 - 5.4.1.2 Contact information for one individual who will be present during the course of the event.
 - 5.4.1.3 Location, date, and time requested for the event.
 - 5.4.1.4 General purpose of the event.
 - 5.4.1.5 List of planned activities (i.e., speech or rally, march with signs,

distribution of literature, sit-in).

5.4.1.6 Special equipment requested.

5.4.1.7 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 EVENT RESERVATION PROCEDURES

6.1 All off-campus groups that wish to reserve space should submit their request to the Office of Auxiliary Support Services via the online University Events for Third-Party Vendors Form.

6.2 A PVAMU sponsor/internal contact is required for third-party events. In the absence of another sponsor/internal contact, the Office of Auxiliary Support Services may serve as the internal contact for a third-party event on campus.

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 Students may file a grievance with the Office of the Dean of Students. Faculty may file a grievance with the Office of Faculty Affairs. Staff may file a grievance with the Office of Human Resources. Third parties may file a grievance with the Office of University 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 offices listed in Section 7.2 of this rule are 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 Orientation 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 and System Regulation 08.02.01 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](#)

Definitions

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

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