

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**



**61.99.99.P0.03 Freedom of Expression**

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**UAP Purpose**

The purpose of this University Administrative Procedure (UAP) is to provide guidelines for engaging in organized expressive activities. Political Campaign Events are covered in University Rule [07.03.01.P1 Political Campaign Events on Property Under the Control of Prairie View A&M University](#). Sales and solicitation activities are handled by the Office of Student Center Operations.

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**Official Procedures and Responsibilities**

**1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) is committed to providing an educational and work climate that is conducive to the personal and professional development of each individual. To fulfill its mission as an institution of higher learning, it encourages the free exchange of ideas. The University will protect the rights of freedom of speech, expression, petition to peaceful assembly as set forth in the U.S. Constitution. PVAMU maintains its right to regulate reasonable time, place and manner restrictions concerning acts of expression and dissent. Any acts that are deemed disruptive to the normal operations of the University, including classes and University business, or that invade the rights of others will not be tolerated. Faculty, staff and students engaging in disruptive actions may be subject to disciplinary action. In addition, any participant in a disruptive activity may face criminal charges.

**2. EXERCISING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**

- 2.1 Students or a University-recognized organization (including departments, colleges, and divisions) may sponsor speakers or programs for its own group or for the entire PVAMU community. Organizations desiring to sponsor an event on campus must complete the [Event Request Form](#) and submit it to the Office of Student Engagement at least fourteen (14) business days prior to the event. Use of the space will be assigned to the person or organization that requests the area first. Non-University affiliated entities may exercise freedom of speech in public areas so long as they abide by the procedures as outlined in Sections 3 and 4 below. The University reserves the right to locate any assembly so as to ensure that the activity does not interfere with the normal operation of the University or interfere with the rights of others.

**3. PROCEDURES**

- 3.1 The time, place and manner of registered activities may be regulated to prevent unreasonable interference or conflict with the educational, research, outreach, or other legitimate functions of the University.
- 3.2 Activities on campus may not be conducted in a manner that violates:
  - 3.2.1 Federal, state, or local law;
  - 3.2.2 System Policies or Regulations or University Rules or Administrative Procedures; or,
  - 3.2.3 Applicable fire and safety regulations.
- 3.3 Public area activities shall neither impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic entrances to or exits from University structures, nor disrupt official University activities or University authorized activities.
- 3.4 The affixing or posting of signs, banners, and other material must be registered and stamped in advance by the Office of Student Engagement.
- 3.5 In furtherance of the educational, research, service and other legitimate functions of the University, no part of the campus is generally available for organized activities before 7 am or after 10 pm; except for official University activities or University authorized activities.
- 3.6 Sound amplification must be approved in advance to help insure that it does not interfere with classes or other activities.
- 3.7 The sponsoring organization will be responsible for cleaning the activity area of debris and trash.

#### **4. VIOLATIONS**

- 4.1 Any speaker/presenter who violates any of the provisions of this UAP may be denied approval for future requests to use PVAMU property or may be otherwise restricted in their use of PVAMU property.
- 4.2 Any speaker/presenter whose violation of this UAP also constitutes a violation of federal, state or local laws, System Policies or Regulations, or University Rules or Administrative Procedures will be subject to all applicable sanctions of those laws, policies, regulations, rules or procedures.
- 4.3 Failure to abide by the laws and guidelines described above may result in immediate removal from the campus and any other appropriate action by University officials and/or the University Police Department.

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#### **Related Statutes, Policies, Regulations and Rules**

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[System Policy 07.01 Ethics](#)

[System Policy 07.03 Conflicts of Interest, Dual Office Holding and Political Events](#)

[System Regulation 07.03.01 Political Campaign Events on Property Under the Control of The Texas A&M University System](#)

[University Rule 07.03.01.P1 Political Campaign Events on Property Under the Control of Prairie View AM University](#)

[UAP 41.01.01.P0.01 Use of Facilities](#)

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