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* POLICY NAME:	Expressive Activity by Members of University Community
* POLICY TYPE:	Presidential Policy - University Administrative Policy
POLICY #:	F.8.4.
*STATUS:	Active
*CONTACT OFFICE:	Student Affairs
*OVERSIGHT EXECUTIVE:	Vice President for Student Affairs
*APPLIES TO:	All members of the University community defined as students, faculty, and staff.
*PURPOSE:	The University of Mary Washington supports the right of individual students, student organizations, faculty, and staff to dissent and to demonstrate, providing such activities do not disrupt normal campus operations, obstruct free access to University buildings, or unreasonably infringe upon the rights of others.
DEFINITIONS:	"Expressive Activity" includes gatherings of one or more members of the University community for the purposes of publicly communicating a grievance or publicly stating a position or cause by spoken word, placard, or action. For the purpose of implementation, expressive activity shall refer to all demonstrations, protests, marches, rallies, leaflet distribution or other activity involving the public display of expression by a group or multiple groups.
*POLICY STATEMENT:	The University of Mary Washington celebrates the right to freedom of expression by members of the University community on our campus. Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the vibrancy and vitality of a campus community. Diverse perspectives are honored and valued on campus, and it is essential that community members have the opportunity to engage in peaceful and orderly protests and demonstrations. This policy is structured to assure equal opportunity for expressive activity by all members of the University community, to preserve order within the University Community, to protect and preserve University property, and to provide a secure environment to individual members of the campus community exercising freedom of expression.
PROCEDURES:	All University property is intended primarily for use by students, faculty and staff in their efforts to advance the educational mission of the University. Consistent with that mission, several outdoor areas of campus represent a limited public forum for speech and other expressive activities by members of the University community. The indoor facilities on campus are solely dedicated to particular academic or administrative purposes.

	<p>All organizers are encouraged to provide advance notice to the University Police prior to commencement of an expressive activity in order to promote the safety and security of all individuals on campus. To be useful, advance notification must include the day, time, and location where the demonstration or other expressive activity is expected to begin as well as the full name and detailed contact information for the primary organizer and/or person responsible for the activity.</p> <p>Certain areas of campus are reservable by members of the campus community. If students, student organizations, faculty, or staff desire to reserve campus facilities to conduct expressive activities, they must submit their requests to the appropriate administrator with at least five days notice to allow for logistical support and to otherwise comply with the applicable University policies. . Reserving parties must comply with all University policies and Space Reservation requirements.</p>
<p>* General Procedures for Implementation:</p>	<p>The University of Mary Washington does not permit expression that is unlawful or otherwise prohibited by law. Such expression includes, but is not limited to, defamation, incitement to unlawful conduct, imminent threats of actual violence or harm, obscenity, fighting words, copyright or trademark violation, criminal or civil harassment, sexual harassment, trespass, and false advertising.</p> <p>In order that individuals and groups engaging in expressive activity not interfere with the operation of the University, state or federal law, or with the rights of others, the following provisions shall apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Persons or their belongings may not block or otherwise unreasonably interfere with the free flow of vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic. The right of way on streets and sidewalks must be maintained. b. Persons or their belongings may not block or otherwise unreasonably interfere with ingress and egress into and out of campus buildings. c. Persons or their belongings shall not obstruct or attempt to force the cancellation of any event or activity sponsored by the University or by any users authorized to use University facilities. d. Persons shall not engage in harassing, physically abusive, threatening, or intimidating conduct toward any person. e. Persons shall comply with the directions of any University official acting in the performance of his or her duty. f. Classes or other scheduled activities shall not be unreasonably disrupted. g. Use of public address systems and amplified sound must be registered at least 72 hours in advance with the University Police. Use of such equipment may not unreasonably interfere with classes or other scheduled activities. h. When an invited speaker is the object of protest, persons may demonstrate and/or distribute leaflets outside the building where the speech is taking place. Persons who wish to enter the building must do so as members of the audience, paying admission fees where applicable, and must give the speaker a respectful hearing. Failure to

	<p>grant the speaker a respectful hearing may result in the offending persons being asked to leave.</p> <p>i. All applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations (including local ordinances regarding demonstrations on public streets), as well as all applicable University policies must be observed and followed.</p>
* Process for Developing, Approving, and Amending Procedures:	This policy will be reviewed bi-annually or sooner as directed by the University President. Proposed changes will be submitted through the Vice President for Student Affairs to the President for approval. Administrative procedures in support of the policy may be changed without the approval of the President.
* Publication and Communication:	This policy is communicated via the website and BoardDocs.
* Compliance Monitoring and Reporting:	Compliance will be monitored by the Vice President for Student Affairs.
RELATED INFORMATION:	
Policy Background:	
* Policy Category:	Student Affairs
Category Cross Reference:	Student Affairs & Human Resources
Related Policies:	
HISTORY:	
* Origination Date:	08/13/2014
* Approved by:	Office of the President
* Approval Date:	January 28, 2025
* Effective Date:	January 28, 2025
* Review Process:	The policy will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised every two years or sooner if circumstances require.

* Next Scheduled Review:	January 28, 2027
Revision History:	October 14, 2020: Reviewed by VP for Student Affairs, no revisions. October 18, 2022: Reviewed by VP for Student Affairs, no revisions. August 15, 2024: Revised; clarified indoor facilities use and compliance with University policies when reserving space on campus January 28, 2025: Revised: updated <i>Publication and Communication</i> , as well as <i>Compliance Monitoring and Reporting</i> sections