

WAC 495B-140-040 General policies limiting use. (1) College facilities may not be used for purposes of political campaigning by or for candidates who have filed for public office except for student-sponsored activities or forums as provided for in WAC 495B-140-020.

(2) Religious groups shall not, under any circumstances, use the college facilities as a permanent meeting place. Use may be intermittent only.

(3) The college reserves the right to prohibit the use of college facilities by groups which restrict membership or participation in a manner inconsistent with the college's commitment to nondiscrimination as set forth in its written policies and rules.

(4) Activities of a political or commercial nature will not be approved if they involve the use of promotional signs or posters on buildings, trees, walls, or bulletin boards, or the distribution of samples outside the rooms or facilities to which access has been granted.

(5) These rules shall apply to college and noncollege groups using college facilities.

(6) Use of audio amplifying equipment such as bullhorns, microphones, or loud speakers is not permitted. Exceptions can be made by college administration in locations and at times which will not interfere with the normal conduct of college affairs as determined by the appropriate administrative officer.

(7) No person or group may use or enter onto college facilities having in their possession firearms or weapons, except as prescribed by law. Possession, holding, wearing, transporting, storage or presence of any firearm, dagger, sword, knife or other cutting or stabbing instrument, club, explosive devices, or any other weapon apparently capable of producing bodily harm is prohibited on the college campus, subject to the following exceptions:

(a) Commissioned law enforcement personnel or legally authorized military personnel while in performance of their duties;

(b) Individuals with a valid concealed weapons permit may store a pistol in his or her vehicle parked on campus in accordance with RCW 9.41.050 (2) or (3), provided the vehicle is locked and the weapon is concealed from view; or

(c) The president may grant permission to bring a weapon on campus upon a determination that the weapon is reasonably related to a legitimate pedagogical purpose. Such permission shall be in writing and shall be subject to such terms or conditions incorporated in the written permission.

This policy does not apply to the possession and/or use of disabling chemical sprays when possessed and/or used for self-defense.

(8) The right of peaceful dissent within the college community will be preserved. The college retains the right to take steps to insure the safety of individuals, the continuity of the educational process, and the protection of property. While peaceful dissent is acceptable, violence or disruptive behavior is not a legitimate means of dissent. Should any person, group or organization attempt to resolve differences by means of violence, the college and its officials need not negotiate while such methods are employed.

(9) Interference with free passage of vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, or other traffic through areas where members of the college community have a right to be, interference with ingress and egress to college facilities, interruption of classes, injury to persons, or damage to property exceeds permissible limits and is not permitted.

The event must not create safety hazards or pose unreasonable safety risks to college students, employees, or invitees of the college.

(10) Groups must obey and comply with directions of the designated college administrator or individual in charge of the meeting.

(11) If a college facility abuts a public area or street, and if group activity, although on public property, unreasonably interferes with ingress and egress to college buildings, or creates a disruption for the neighbors bordering the college, the college may choose to impose its own sanctions although remedies might also be available through local law enforcement agencies.

(12) Signs shall be no larger than three feet by five feet and no individual may carry more than one sign.

(13) College groups are asked to obtain authorization from the designated administrator no later than twenty-four hours in advance of an event.

(14) College group events shall not last longer than eight hours from beginning to end. Noncollege group events shall not last longer than five hours from beginning to end.

(15) The college has designated an area as the sole limited public forum area for first amendment activities on campus. This area is identified in the college facilities use policy and may change from time to time as decided by the college president.

(16) All sites must be cleaned up and left in their original condition and may be subject to inspection by a representative of the college after the event. Reasonable charges may be assessed against the sponsoring organization for extraordinary costs including, but not limited to, clean-up, security, or for the repair or replacement of damaged property.

(17) All fire, safety, sanitation, or special regulations specified for the event are to be obeyed. The college cannot and will not provide utility connections or hook-ups.

(18) Subject to the regulations of this policy, both college and noncollege groups may use the campus limited forums for first amendment activities between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. throughout the year except during the following days of the year:

(a) The first week and the final exam week of each term;

(b) Advising day;

(c) Kickoff and convocation weeks, or in other words, the two weeks immediately preceding each quarter;

(d) Campus events.

(19) There shall be no overnight camping on college facilities or grounds, including off-campus facilities owned or leased by the college. Camping is defined to include sleeping outside, sleeping in vehicles, carrying on cooking activities, or storing personal belongings for personal habitation, or the erection of tents or other shelters or structures used for purposes of personal habitation. However, the college president or designee is authorized to make exceptions in the case of college sponsored events and/or instructional activities.

(20) College facilities may not be used for commercial sales, solicitations, advertising or promotional activities, unless:

(a) Such activities serve educational purposes of the college; and

(b) Such activities are under the sponsorship of a college department or office or officially chartered student club.

(21) The event must also be conducted in accordance with any other applicable college policies and regulations, college, local ordinances, and state or federal laws.

(22) The college president or designee is authorized to make exceptions to the policies limiting use in the case of college sponsored events and/or instructional activities.

(23) Free movement on campus. The president is authorized to prohibit the entry of or to withdraw the privileges of any person or group of persons to enter onto or remain upon any portion of the college campus if he/she deems that an individual or group of individuals disrupts the ingress or egress of others from the college facilities. The president may act through the vice president of administrative services or any other person he/she may designate.

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