

## 08.02.99.01 Expressive Activity on Campus



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SAN ANTONIO

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### Rule Summary

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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 Texas A&M University-San Antonio (A&M-SA) campus, including reservable designated public forums, provides reservation requirements and procedures, and provides a grievance process for addressing complaints for violations of an individual's expressive activity rights.

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### Definitions

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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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### Rule

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#### 1. EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY

The rights and responsibilities related to expressive activities on campus are set forth in System Regulation *08.02.01*. 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

As outlined in System Regulation *08.02.01*, all common outdoor areas are deemed traditional public forums unless otherwise designated by this rule.

#### 3. 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 any time classes, study activities, and/or research are taking place.

#### 4. RESERVATION PROCEDURES

- 4.1. Information about facility reservation rental rates, space availability, and booking procedures for the reservable public forums at A&M-SA can be obtained by emailing University Event Services at [space.request@tamusa.edu](mailto:space.request@tamusa.edu) or by calling (210) 784-1608.
- 4.2. **The 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.**
- 4.3. The decision to confirm a request for space will be based on proper and timely completion of the [Reservation Request form](#), compliance with applicable requirements, and availability of space.
- 4.4. 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.

The following information will be required to process any reservation request:

- Name of the person or organization sponsoring the event. Contact information for one individual who will be present during the course of the event.
  - Location, date and time requested for the event.
  - General purpose of the event.
  - List of planned activities (i.e., speech or rally, march with signs, distribution of literature, sit-in).
  - Special equipment requested.
  - 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 EVENTS

Events organized by an external party and held in an area of campus that is defined as either a limited public forum or a non-public forum must be sponsored by a recognized A&M-SA student organization, university academic or administrative unit (See [System Regulation 08.02.01, Expressive Activity on Campus](#) for more information).

#### 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 with the Office of Risk, Ethics & Compliance. Grievances may be referred to another office for review and further action as appropriate

- 7.2. Grievances involving students will be referred to the Dean of Students office. Grievances involving faculty will be referred to the Office of the Provost. Staff and third party grievances will be referred to the Human Resources Department.
- 7.3 Following this review, any student, student organization, student group or A&M-SA employee found to have unduly interfered with another person's expressed activity rights may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the university's applicable rules and procedures.
- 7.4. 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 addressing the complaint according to established A&M-SA 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 Conferences 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 must be included in the A&M-SA student and employee handbooks.

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## Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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[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\*](#)

[A&M-SA Rule \*07.03.01.01, Political Campaign Events in Facilities Under the Control of Texas A&M University-San Antonio\*](#)

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## Appendix

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[Security Cost Protocol for Expressive Activity](#)

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## Contact Office

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Office of Risk, Ethics, and Compliance (210) 784-2003