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The University expects that those engaging in expressive activity will comply with this and other relevant University policies and demonstrate concern for the safety of other persons

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III. POLICY:

The rights of campus speakers to speak and audiences to hear, free from undue disruption and interference, are constitutionally protected rights. When guests are invited to the University, they may express their ideas not only because they have a right to do so, but because members of the campus community have a right to hear, see, and experience diverse intellectual and creative inquiry. Encouraging such inquiry and protecting such rights are fundamental interests of higher education generally, and Southern Utah University in particular.

- A. Invited Speakers: Students, faculty, staff, administrators, student clubs/organizations, SUUSA, and alumni organizations may invite individuals outside the campus community to speak on campus, provided that the orderly and timely scheduling of facilities has occurred according to SUU policy. This requirement will not be used to discriminate regarding, or prejudice the speaker or the content of the presentation; rather, it will ensure that public safety issues can be considered, that all affected departments have adequate notice of the event, and that the potential for disruption of University activities which may be occurring concurrently can be avoided.
1. When extending an invitation to someone outside the campus community to speak on campus, the inviting individual or organization must:
 - a. Notify the speaker that he or she is expected to abide by local, state and federal law while engaged on campus;
 - b. Apprise the speaker of relevant and applicable University policies that may pertain to his or her address or presentation (e.g. public safety protocol);
 - c. Anticipate and fund the accrued costs of the invitation that

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2. Faculty members inviting outside speakers to address their classes as guest lecturers will not be required to adhere to the above provisions, but they

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This includes the placement of handbills on vehicle windshields which is not permitted.

iv. Handbills or other written material distributed for the benefit of a commercial entity is prohibited from campus and the distributor and/or the benefited entity may be cited by campus police.

b. Any person distributing handbills or other written material is personally responsible for the content of the material and in distributing agrees to hold the University harmless for any assessed damage or liability incurred as a result of the distribution of the material.

5. Signs, Notices, or Posters

The University provides space indoors and outdoors for the posting of signs, notices and posters by members of the University community and their organizations.

a. Such signs, notices and posters may deal with subject matter

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- e. Any person or organization is individually responsible for the content of any signs, notices or posters they sponsor or post on campus. By posting the sign, notice or poster on campus, the person or organization agrees to hold the University harmless for any damages or liabilities incurred as a result of the sign, notice or poster.

F. Appeal Rights

- a. Where permission is denied or revoked by the Centralized Scheduling Office, review of the decision will be by the Scheduling Committee. The decision and any remedies determined by the Scheduling Committee is/are final except as to claims of violation of the Utah or United States Constitution, which will be heard by the Faculty Senate in accordance with the rules and regulations of that Committee. The recommendation of the Faculty Senate shall be transmitted to the Vice President for Student Affairs. The Vice President's decision will be final and will be communicated in writing to the appealing party.
- b. Any person assessed damages caused by picketing, demonstrating, or inappropriate distribution of literature will have a right to appeal the assessment of damages to the Scheduling Committee. The decision of the Scheduling Committee will be final.