

# FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

## OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY POLICY

***University Community (faculty, staff and students) and guests***

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	<b>POLICY NUMBER</b>
DEMONSTRATIONS	January 7, 2003	FIU 2202
<b>RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY OFFICER</b>	
Division of Student Affairs	Dr. Rosa Jones, Vice President for Student Affairs and Undergraduate Education	

**POLICY STATEMENT**

- (1) Subject to the terms of this regulation and related University regulations:
  - (a) The University Community and University Organizations may use University grounds to conduct demonstrations, except as specified below.
  - (b) Non-University persons and non-University Organizations may conduct demonstrations in those areas of the University designated as “Free Assembly Areas,” as specified below.
  
- (2) In no event shall campus buildings, indoor facilities, parking facilities/areas, athletic or recreational facilities, fields and/or stadiums be used for demonstrations unless specifically permitted in writing by the Vice President of Student Affairs or his or her designee.
  
- (3) The University Community and University Organizations may organize, conduct, or participate in demonstrations on University grounds, except for grounds within fifty (50) feet of the following (unless a greater distance is required by applicable laws):
  - (a) University residential facilities;
  - (b) Buildings, facilities, or areas where such use could impair entrance to or exit from the building, facility or area, or interfere with activities therein;
  - (c) The Children’s Creative Learning Center;
  - (d) Buildings wherein child care services, elderly care services and health care services including, without limitation, mental health and substance abuse services, take place; and
  - (e) The FIU Libraries.
  
- (4) Subject to University regulations, policies and procedures, non-University persons and non-University Organizations are limited to the “Free Assembly Areas” listed below for purposes of organizing and conducting demonstrations on University grounds:
  - (a) The Fountain Area located immediately North of the Charles Perry Building on the University Park Campus.
  - (b) The portion of the open grassy area directly behind the Graham Center Ballrooms entrance, east of the sidewalk leading from Graham Center to Owa Ehan and west of the sidewalk leading from Graham Center to Chemistry and Physics.
  - (c) The portion of the grassy open area directly north of the Graham Center parking lot, east of the

sidewalk leading from Graham Center to Chemistry and Physics and south of Health & Life Sciences I Building.

- (a) The paved area immediately North of Academic Building I at the Biscayne Bay Campus; and,
- (b) The open grassy area West of the Marine Biology Building between Academic Building I and Academic Building II.

The Free Assembly Areas may also be used for demonstrations by the University Community and University Organizations. The use of these Free Assembly Areas is subject to availability.

(5) All persons and organizations conducting demonstrations on University grounds must abide by the general requirement that no such activities may interfere with, disrupt, or impede the normal operations of the University or otherwise interfere with or infringe on the rights of others. Interference with, disruption of, or impeding the normal operations of the University and/or interference with the rights of others includes, without limitation:

- (a) obstruction of vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian, or other traffic;
- (b) obstruction of entrances or exits to buildings or driveways or impeding entry to or exit from any building or parking lot or vehicular path;
- (c) obstruction or disruption of any educational, research, or administrative activities inside or outside any building;
- (d) violation of a law, rule, regulation, or ordinance; violation of Board of Governors regulations, or violation of a University regulation, policy and/or procedure;
- (e) posing an environmental hazard or a health or safety threat to the University, the University Community, University Organizations, or the general public;
- (f) interference with or precluding a scheduled speaker from being heard;
- (g) threatening persons or using fighting words which are those words that by their mere utterance inflict violence or would tend to incite a reasonable person to violence or other breach of peace;
- (h) damaging property of the University or on University grounds; or
- (i) utilizing sound amplification, including bullhorns, except as approved in advance in writing as set forth below and within sound limits that will not disrupt normal University operations.

(6) All persons and organizations conducting demonstrations on University grounds, must (a) comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, all Board of Governors regulations, and all other applicable University regulations, policies and/or procedures; and (b) procure and comply with federal, state, local or University licensure/permit/insurance requirements, to the extent applicable.

(7) If a demonstration is disrupting normal University operations or infringing on the rights of others contrary to the requirements of this regulation, the President or his or her designated representative has authority to:

- (a) identify himself or herself to the demonstrators, providing the person's name and official position;
- (b) inform the demonstrators that they are in violation of the University regulation(s), policies and/or procedures, Board of Governors regulations or applicable law and specify the nature of the violation;

- (c) request that the violation cease (which could include relocation of the activity to avoid the disruption); and/or,
  - (d) in the event of non-compliance with this request, enlist the assistance of the University Department of Public Safety and/or law enforcement personnel in restoring order and enforcing the law.
- (8) In the event of a disruption, the University Department of Public Safety or other law enforcement personnel has authority to:
- (a) require that any individual identify himself or herself by presenting appropriate documentation such as identification cards;
  - (b) declare a demonstration to be disruptive, disorderly, or in violation of the University regulation or law and request all participants to cease and desist and to disperse and clear the area, including leaving the University grounds immediately, or be subject to arrest and;
  - (c) arrest any participants observed to be in violation of applicable federal, state or local laws, and/or,
  - (d) enlist the assistance of outside law enforcement agencies, as may be necessary.

Nothing contained in this regulation is intended to limit or restrict the authority of the University Department of Public Safety or other law enforcement personnel under applicable laws or University regulations, policies and procedures.

(9) University Community members or University Organizations who intentionally act to impair, interfere with, or obstruct the orderly conduct, processes, and functions of the University or interfere with, or infringe upon, the rights of others, are subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the University authorities.

(10) In order to coordinate University events and other activities taking place on University grounds, with due consideration for the health and safety of all individuals, any person or organization who intends to demonstrate on University grounds must notify the University at least two (2) business days in advance if: (a) the demonstration event shall involve a group consisting of more than 30 participants; or (b) if sound amplification equipment shall be used.

Notification must be provided on the designated notification form which is available in any one of the following Offices. The notification must be submitted in writing to the designated University representative noted below at the applicable University Campus:

University Park Campus: Attention: Vice President of Student Affairs  
 or his or her designee  
 11200 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Graham Center Room 1215  
 Miami, Florida 33199

Biscayne Bay Campus: Attention: Vice Provost of the Biscayne Bay Campus  
 or his or her designee  
 3000 N.E. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
 Library Room 315  
 North Miami, Florida 33181

The designated University representative at each applicable University Campus may deny the request to demonstrate on the University grounds within two (2) business days after receipt of the notice for the following reasons:

- (a) The use or activity would interfere with the normal operations of the University and/or interfere with the rights of others due to one of the reasons enumerated in Subsection 6 above;
- (b) The use or activity would conflict with previously planned programs, activities and/or events organized and conducted by the University and/or University Organizations and previously scheduled for the same time and place; and
- (c) A fully executed prior notification for the same time and place has been received and processed granting the prior requestor the authorization to use the area.

(11) Any person or organization that is denied permission to demonstrate may appeal such denial in writing to the Provost or his or her designee. The appeal must be made within two (2) business days after receipt of a written denial from the University's designated representative. The Provost's or his or her designee's decision on this matter shall be final.

#### CONTACTS

Administrative Office's Address	Telephone Number	Fax Number
Maxine Hylton, Director Risk Management Graham University Center – GC 1215	(305) 348-3916	(305) 348-3448

#### HISTORY

New 12-23-76, Amended 8-7-83, Formerly 6C-5.008

#### DEFINITION

Definitions: For purposes of this regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

- (c) **Demonstrations:** Demonstrations are activities such as assemblies, exercises of free speech, protests, parades, marches, and picketing.
- (d) **University Community:** The University Community consists of Florida International University faculty, staff and students.
- (e) **University Organization(s):** University Organization(s) are recognized University faculty and staff organizations and registered University student organizations. This definition excludes individuals, groups, and/or organizations sponsored by or affiliated with University Organization(s).