

- (2) Identification procedures are enforced consistently and uniformly.
- b. When required for an open meeting, identification or press credentials, should be checked by an official perceived to be neutral (e.g., an administrator or a designated general student monitor), not by a member of the sponsoring organization or by any person perceived as partisan.

5. DISSENT/PROTEST

a. General Principles - The right to dissent is the complement of the right to speak, but these rights need not occupy the same forum at the same time. The speaker is entitled to communicate their message to the audience during the allotted time, and the audience is entitled to hear the message and see the speaker during that time. The dissenter must not substantially interfere with _____ or the _____. When a meeting is closed, dissent by those not attending is limited to activity outside the meeting that does not impede access to the meeting or substantially interfere with the communication inside. When a meeting is open, the acceptable form of dissent will depend on whether the dissenter is inside or outside the meeting, and on whether the dissenter is acting before, after, or during the meeting.

b. Some Examples of Dissent - The following guidelines, which are neither comprehensive nor absolute, suggest the limits of acceptable dissent. As spelled out in the Faculty Statement on _____ action may

obtain an advisory opinion fr

(1) Picketing, literature. Picketing in an orderly way or distributing literature outside the meeting is acceptable unless it impedes access to the meeting. Distributing literature inside an open meeting is permissible, however, it should cease once the meeting is called to order and after the meeting is adjourned.

(2) Silent or symbolic protest. Displaying a sign (signs may not be mounted on poles when displayed indoors), wearing expressive clothing, gesturing, standing, or otherwise protesting noiselessly is acceptable and must not be interfered with, unless the protest interferes with the speaker. Any use of signs, prolonged standing, or other activity likely to block the view of anyone in the audience should be confined to the back of the room. Security may confiscate signs and posters that interfere with the _____ must be returned on request immediately following the event.

(3) Noise. Responding vocally to the speaker, spontaneously and temporarily, is generally acceptable. Chanting, coughing, or making other sustained or repeated noise in a manner

whether inside or outside the meeting.

(4) Force or violence. Using or threatening force or violence, such as defacing a sign or assaulting a speaker or a member of the audience, is never permitted. Any interference with freedom of movement and the usage of threatening force or violence are all constituted serious violations of personal rights.

- The audience, like the host and the speaker, must respect the right to dissent. A member of the audience or the host organization who substantially interferes with acceptable dissent is violating these guidelines in the same way as a dissenter who violates the rights of the speaker or audience.

d. Question and Answer Period in Open Meetings - In any open meeting the sponsoring organization may arrange with the speaker to assure a reasonable opportunity for a question and answer period.

6. SECURITY

a. The Dean of Students (or if absent the Provost or the President of the College) shall determine, of their own initiative or after hearing from student organizations or groups, whether the protection of free speech at an open meeting requires security measures.

All questions of interpretation and application of these guidelines shall be decided by the Dean of Students (or designee) after consultation, as needed.

10. OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

The General Faculty Council (or designee) is responsible for:

- a. Offering advice to the administration concerning the further development and the enforcement of these guidelines through content neutral policies related to time, place, and manner.
- b. Reviewing of the effectiveness of these guidelines and offering proposals for change. The General Faculty Council recommends that the Dean of Students and the Director of Safety and Security adopt the relevant portions of these guidelines for public events sponsored by the college or by departments.