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they reserve its use. USM facilities and grounds may not be used for purposes which are illegal or detrimental to USM property.

Application of the policy shall not be arbitrary or capricious and shall not be based upon the content of the proposed speech and this policy shall not be interpreted in such a way as to discriminate on the basis of political, religious, social or other content. This policy adheres to the principles set forth in the University of Maine System Freedom of Speech and Assembly Policy.

IV. Use of Facilities & Grounds for Speech and Assembly

USM's mission of education, research and public service is dependent upon the free flow of ideas. Given this, protecting free speech activities is of fundamental importance to the University. We understand that the exchange of diverse viewpoints may, at times, expose people to ideas they find offensive and create discomfort. The appropriate response to such speech is more speech; speech expressing opposing ideas; and continued dialogue. Speech activities protected by this policy include speechmaking, praying, distributing written materials, picketing, assembling in groups and demonstrating. For safety reasons, demonstrators are not permitted to hold stick or pole supported signs.

The University also recognizes that the exercise of free speech must not disrupt the normal activities of the University. Activity that interferes with the University's ability to carry out its mission is not protected by the First Amendment and is a violation of this policy. A speech activity disrupts the normal activities of the University when a reasonable person is unable to effectively perform a legitimate mission related University activity because of the speech activity taking place. Examples of disruption include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting the speech activity at a volume that substantially disrupts the normal use of classrooms, offices, laboratories, and other University facilities or grounds;
- Impeding vehicle or pedestrian traffic;
- Impeding ingress or egress to any facility;
- Impeding access to any emergency exits;
- Conducting a speech activity inside a building after the normal closing hours of the building;
- Destroying or materially damaging University property; or
- Creating a health or safety hazard

A. Speech and Assembly for Uial

Contact the Southworth Planetarium at 207-780-4249

E. Reserving Classroom/Academic Space (must be affiliated with USM)
on the Portland or Gorham Campuses, contact Space & Scheduling at 207-780-5616
on the Lewiston Campus, contact the Dean's Office 207-753-6594

F. For all requests to reserve space by individuals, groups, and organizations not affiliated with USM (except
Gorham Athletic Facilities) contact the Dean's Office at 207-753-6594

Classroom Buildings: 8:00am-10:00Monday through Thursday
8:00am -5:00pm Friday
Weekends - as needed

Kenneth T.H. Brooks Student Center: 7:00am - 1:00am Monday through Sunday

Robert L Woodbury Campus Center: 7:00am - 10:00pm Monday through Friday;
Saturday and Sunday for Special events

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VIII. Unauthorized Uses of Facilities & Grounds and Prohibited Items and Behaviors

The University has the right to prohibit certain items and behaviors on all property that it owns, leases or controls. These include, but are not limited to:

- Bathing; except where bathing facilities are provided as part of the program (residence halls and athletics and recreation facilities)
- Camping; including in a RV
- Engaging in sexual activity in any University Building other than a residence
- Sleeping; per State Fire Code, no University Building is approved for overnight occupancy other than the residence halls
- Possession of weapons
- Possession of pyrotechnics
- Use of tobacco products, alcohol, or other drugs as prohibited by the Tobacco Free Policy and the University Alcohol & Other Drugs Policy
- Impeding egress and/or violating fire code; such as securing a bicycle to a stairwell
- Modifying the University building or physical plant without an approved facilities permit including the installation of any computer networking hardware
- Operating and/or storing motorized (internal combustion) vehicles inside a University building (except the Parking Garage) and/or under a University building awning or roof

IX. On-Campus Sales and Solicitation

A. Authorized Sales, Solicitations and Advertisements

The University has designated certain facilities and areas of campus for authorized sales, solicitations and advertisements. For more information, please see the Table Vendor Program (below) and Banners, Flyers and Posters (section X).

"Commercial sales, solicitations, advertising, or other commercial activity" includes any activity whose purpose is to inform, induce, or encourage individuals or groups to purchase, rent, lease, or use (i.e. NOT purchase, rent, lease, or use) any goods or services. Door-to-door solicitation and sales is prohibited on all property USM owns, leases or controls.

B. Table Vending Program

The University rents space to vendors in order to provide unique products and services that are not otherwise available on-campus to the USM community. For purposes of this policy, a vendor is defined as a business person or entity who wishes to offer their products and services at USM.

1. The Table Vending program is managed by the following offices:

on the Portland and Gorham Campus, contact Student Involvement & Activities at 207-4090

on the Lewiston Campus, contact the Dean's Office 207-753-6594

2. Indoor vending locations on each campus are:

Portland:	Luther Bonney Hall and Woodbury Campus Center
Gorham:	Brooks Student Center and Bailey Hall
Lewiston:	South Hall

3. To reserve space, the Vendor

c. Vendors may display posters and banners from the

- removed within 24 hours after the advertised event t

XI. Chalking On-Campus

Chalking on-campus sidewalks is permissible in outdoor, public areas accessible to rain using water-soluble sidewalk stick chalk (spray chalk is prohibited). Chalking is prohibited on all vertical surfaces. The chalked messages must not contain

- references to the use, sale, or consumption of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or illegal drugs
- obscenity
- anything in violation of USM policy or procedure or advertise or promote illegal activity

XII. Animals on Campus

A. Inside Campus Buildings

Animals are not permitted in any campus building with the exception of a service dog or a service dog-in-training accompanied by their trainer. The University of Maine System Guidelines Regarding Service Animals can be found at [https://www.usm.edu/offices/office-of-student-life/pet-policy](#).

Also, Emotional Support Animals (also known as Assistance Animals defined by the Fair Housing Act) may be allowed in the Residence Hall buildings but only with prior approval by the Disability Services Center (to begin this process, students should contact the Disability Services Center at dsc-usm@maine.edu or 207-780-4706. Some pets may be approved for Residence Halls by the Director of Student Life under the regular, staff/faculty live-on & live-in Pet Policy (a copy of the policy may be obtained from Student Life).

B. On Campus Grounds

- x All animals must be under the control of the responsible person while on campus grounds and restrained by a leash, at all

