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910 Right of Expression

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910.1 Overview of Policy

The right of expression is as necessary as the right of inquiry and both must be preserved as essential to the pursuit and dissemination of knowledge and truth. Consequently, University faculty, staff and students, individually and collectively, may express their views through the normal channels of communication. University faculty, staff and students also may express their views by demonstrating peacefully for concepts they wish to make known, and the University will make every reasonable effort to protect that right.

910.2 Reasonable Limitations

It is the objective of the University to provide through explicit reasonable limitations on expression, a context in which expression may be protected and in which violent actions are avoided. The University has an obligation to assure the safety of individuals, the protection of property, and the continuity of the educational process.;

910.2.1 Violations. The following actions are defined as exceeding the limits of appropriate expression or peaceful demonstration and are in violation of University policy:

- a. Actions which endanger the safety and well-being of individuals.
- b. Actions which destroy property.
- c. Actions which disrupt, by physical or auditory means, the on-going operations of the University or interfere with the rights of other individuals in their exercise of expression.

910.2.2 Opposing Views. Individuals holding views opposed to those presented by persons participating in a peaceful demonstration, protest, or other expression of attitudes are subject to the same policies.