

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

BOARD POLICY

Policy Number: 403

Subject: Free Speech Policy

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SPEECH AND DEMONSTRATION REGULATIONS

Arkansas Tech University recognizes and supports the rights of students, employees of all categories, and visitors to speak in public and to demonstrate in a lawful manner in designated areas of the campus and at designated times. In order to maintain safety and security, to insure the orderly scheduling of campus facilities, to ensure that vehicular and pedestrian traffic will not be impeded, and to preclude conflicts with academic and curricular activities, Arkansas Tech University reserves the right to limit such activities by the following regulations regarding time, place, and manner of such activities:

Interior: The following area is designated for demonstrations, debates, speeches and other forms of expression:

The Doc Bryan Student Center Auditorium, every Tuesday from 3:00PM-5:00PM.

Exterior: The following area is designated for demonstrations, debates, speeches and other forms of expression:

- The west courtyard of the Doc Bryan Student Services Building.

The following requirements shall apply to demonstrations, debates, speeches, and other forms of expression in the designated areas:

- Arkansas Tech University will remain neutral as to the content of any public demonstration, debate, speech or other form of expression.
- There must be no obstruction of entrances or exits to buildings.
- There must be no interference with educational activities inside or outside of buildings.
- There must be no impediment to normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic or other disruptions of university activities (sidewalks, roads and parking areas must remain unobstructed).
- There must be no interference with scheduled university ceremonies, events or activities.
- Damage or destruction of property owned or operated by the university, or damage to property belonging to students, faculty, staff, or guest of the university is prohibited.
- Persons or organizations responsible for a demonstration, debate, speech or other form of expression event must remove all signs and litter from the area at the end of the event.
- There must be compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and university policies, rules and regulations.

Any individual violating these regulations regarding time, place, and manner will be subject to immediate eviction or removal from the campus, without further warning, by appropriate University agents or officials and may be held financially responsible and may be subject to appropriate legal

agents or officials and may be held financially responsible and may be subject to appropriate legal action. Students or Student Organizations violating these regulations may be subject to action as described in the Student Code of Conduct.

Nothing in this policy is intended nor should it be understood as an endorsement or approval by Arkansas Tech University of any speech or demonstration, and invitation or license to speak or demonstrate, or the granting of any right or permission to speak or demonstrate on campus beyond the right existing under federal and state law.