

08.02.99.W1 Expressive Activity on Campus

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Rule Summary

System Policy *08.02, Expressive Activity on Campus*, requires adoption of a member rule. This rule identifies common outdoor areas that are not considered public forums, designates other public forums on West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) campus, including reservable designated public forums, provides reservation requirements and procedures, and provides a grievance process for addressing complaints for violations of an individual's expressive activity rights.

Definitions

Definitions from System Regulation *08.02.01, Expressive Activity on Campus*, are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Rule

1. EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY

The rights and responsibilities related to expressive activities on campus are set forth in System Regulation *08.02.01*. Nothing in this rule will be construed to amend or alter the rights and responsibilities outlined in that regulation. Students, staff, faculty, and community members are encouraged to review the regulation to understand their rights and responsibilities while on campus.

2. DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC FORUMS

- 2.1. As outlined in System Regulation *08.02.01*, all common outdoor areas are deemed traditional public forums unless otherwise designated by this rule.

3. RESERVABLE DESIGNATED PUBLIC FORUMS

- 3.1. The following public forums may be reserved with advance notice and subject to availability:
 - 3.1.1. Alumni Banquet Hall
 - 3.1.2. Bain-Schaeffer Buffalo Stadium
 - 3.1.2.1. Fairly Group Club
 - 3.1.2.2. Concourse
 - 3.1.2.3. First United Bank Field

- 3.1.3. Buffalo Room/Isley Terrace
- 3.1.4. First United Bank Center
 - 3.1.4.1. Arena
 - 3.1.4.2. Buffalo Room
- 3.1.5. Hazel Kelley Wilson Room
- 3.1.6. Legacy Hall
- 3.1.7. Legacy Foyer
- 3.1.8. Legends Club
- 3.1.9. Pedestrian Mall
- 3.1.10. Jack B. Kelley (JBK) Spaces
 - 3.1.10.1. JBK Commons Area
 - 3.1.10.2. JBK East Commons
 - 3.1.10.3. Eternal Flame Room
 - 3.1.10.4. Senate Chamber
 - 3.1.10.5. West Texas Room
 - 3.1.10.6. Thunder Room
 - 3.1.10.7. Maroon Room
 - 3.1.10.8. White Room
- 3.1.11. Classrooms across campus
- 3.1.12. Reservable Outdoor Spaces
 - 3.1.12.1. 26th Street
 - 3.1.12.2. Library East
 - 3.1.12.3. Museum South
 - 3.1.12.4. Education South
 - 3.1.12.5. Old Main North
 - 3.1.12.6. Old Main South
 - 3.1.12.7. Old Main East
 - 3.1.12.8. Old Main West
 - 3.1.12.9. Terrill Lawn
 - 3.1.12.10. Sand Volleyball Court
 - 3.1.12.11. Isley Terrace
 - 3.1.12.12. Thunder Island
 - 3.1.12.13. Vaughan Pedestrian Mall
 - 3.1.12.14. Classroom Center North
- 3.1.13. Virgil Henson Activity Center
 - 3.1.13.1. All Purpose Courts
 - 3.1.13.2. Ballroom
 - 3.1.13.3. Bowling Lanes
 - 3.1.13.4. Climbing Tower
 - 3.1.13.5. Game Room
 - 3.1.13.6. Intramural Fields
 - 3.1.13.7. Mirror Room
 - 3.1.13.8. Outdoor Basketball Courts
 - 3.1.13.9. Racquetball Courts
 - 3.1.13.10. Sand Volleyball Courts
 - 3.1.13.11. Spin Room
 - 3.1.13.12. Swimming Pool
 - 3.1.13.13. Tennis Courts
 - 3.1.13.14. Walking Track
 - 3.1.13.15. Weight Room

4. ADVANCE RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS

In an effort to ensure safety and to promote an environment conducive to study, advanced reservation for expressive activity is required for events or activities that are near intersections, and/or near academic buildings anytime classes, study activities, and/or research are taking place.

5. RESERVATION PROCEDURES

- 5.1. Reservations may be requested online at <https://reservations.wtamu.edu>
- 5.2. University procedures regarding reservations are located in the JBK Event Services Procedures and Guidelines manual and are available upon request. Contact the JBK Information Desk at 806-651-2394 to request a copy of the Event Services Procedures and Guidelines.
- 5.3. **The university reserves the right to locate or relocate any assembly to ensure that the activity does not interfere with the normal operation of the university or interfere with the rights of others.**
- 5.4. The decision to confirm a request for space will be based on proper and timely completion of the [online reservation request](#), compliance with applicable requirements, and availability of space.
- 5.5. The decision to confirm will be based on the foregoing criteria, and in no circumstance will any decision be based on the content or viewpoint of the expressive activity or upon the expected reaction of others. If a request is denied, the rationale for the decision will be provided in writing. The denial of a reservation request can be appealed to the Vice President for Student Affairs or a designee.

At the time of the request, the following information will be required:

- Name of event
 - Event Type
 - Expected attendance
 - Event description
 - Date and time
 - Event location
 - Additional resources or special equipment
 - Risk Matrix
 - Name of the person or organization sponsoring the event. Contact information for one individual who will be present during the course of the event.
- 5.5 For recognized student organizations, a member of the sponsoring organization must be present at the event and during the entire course of the event to retain the reservation.

6. THIRD PARTY EVENTS

University procedures regarding reservations are located in the JBK Event Services Procedures and Guidelines manual and are available upon request. Contact the JBK Information Desk at 806-651-2394 to request a copy of the Event Services Procedures and Guidelines.

7. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- 7.1. Any person who believes that their campus expressive activity rights, as recognized by this rule and System Regulation 08.02.01, have been unduly interfered with by a student, student organization, or employee has the right to file a grievance.
- 7.2. Students may file a grievance with Student Affairs. WTAMU faculty and staff may file a grievance with Human Resources. Third parties may file a grievance with Human Resources.
- 7.3. Those who choose to observe and/or listen to expressive activities bear the responsibility of recognizing and honoring the right of free speech. Any acts that are disruptive to the normal operations of the university, including classes and university business, or that invade the rights of others will not be tolerated. A student, student organization, or employee who is found to have unduly interfered with another person's expressive activity rights, as recognized by this rule, is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the university's applicable rules and procedures. Any participant in a disruptive activity may also face criminal charges. The offices listed in section [7.2] of this rule are responsible for the complaint according to its normal procedures. Grievances may be referred to another office for review and further action, when appropriate.

8. IMPLEMENTATION

- 8.1. A copy of this rule and System Regulation *08.02.01* must be provided to students during New Student Conferences and other new student orientation programs.
- 8.2. This rule and System Regulation *08.02.01* must be posted on the university's website.
- 8.3. A link to this rule must be included in student and employee handbooks, if maintained by the university.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[Texas Education Code § 51.9315, *Protected Expression on Campus*](#)

[Texas Government Code § 448.001](#)

[Executive Order GA-44 \(March 27, 2024\)](#)

[System Policy 08.02, *Expressive Activity on Campus*](#)

[System Regulation 08.02.01, *Expressive Activity on Campus*](#)

WTAMU JBK Event Services Procedures and Guidelines

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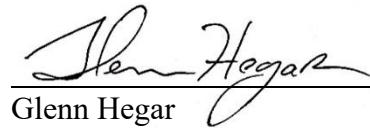
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