

FREE SPEECH: NON-COMMERCIAL EXPRESSIVE PUBLIC SPEECH ON CAMPUS

UA Cossatot's facilities and outdoor space are governed by the policies of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas and exist for the primary purpose of serving a planned and scheduled program of educational activity. Consistent with the Board of Trustees Policy 705.1 and University-wide Administrative Memorandum 715.1, when not required for regularly planned educational or research programs, and subject to other UA System or UA Cossatot policies, facilities may be made available for University entities or non-University entities. UA Cossatot's entities shall only include colleges, departments, and other college / organizational units; faculty; staff; students; UAC-related Foundations and alumni associations; and registered student organizations. Non UA Cossatot entities shall only include individuals and organizations that are not acting as UA Cossatot entities and are not sponsored by UA Cossatot entity.

Any non-UA Cossatot entity is welcome to share an opinion or viewpoint with the College community, provided the non-UA entity is registered with the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Facilities.

Access to forum locations is provided on college sidewalks that run adjacent to the parking areas that surround and cross the campus, subject to relevant city ordinances, state and federal law (maps indicating forum locations will be made available upon request through the UAC Police Department). Access is also provided at identified public forum locations, all external to campus buildings and identified below.

The identified public forum locations are available for use or reservation by UA Cossatot and non-UA Cossatot entities. Access to the identified public forum locations is provided on a content neutral basis. Any denial of access will specify the reason for which registration is denied and offer an appeal procedure. The following time, place, and manner parameters apply to public forum locations as well as to expressive activities of members of the UA Cossatot community in other locations.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER PARAMETERS

The following are parameters for the time, place, and manner of activities:

- The activity must not violate local ordinances, state, or federal laws, or UA Cossatot policy;
- The duration of the event may be limited to a reasonable period of time, based on the type of event and the resources required to manage it;
- There shall be no obstruction of entrances or exits to buildings or driveways or impeding entry to or exit from buildings or parking lots;
- The activity must not unduly disrupt traffic, either vehicular or pedestrian, or duly planned and scheduled UA Cossatot activity;
- The activity must not create unreasonable safety risks;

- There shall be no alteration, modification, defacement or destruction of UA property or leased property or observer's personal property;
- To prevent damage to UA Cossatot infrastructure, the erection of tents or any temporary structures must be first approved by VC of Facilities;
- Organizers must have decorations approved and /or facilities inspected for safety in advance by VC of Facilities or his designee. This includes the use of wooden, plastic, or metal sticks, pipes, poles or the like to aid in signage.
- The location will be left in its original condition at the conclusion of the event, and any entity that causes damage to UA owned or leased property will be responsible for paying charges necessary to return the property to its original state. Reasonable charges or deposits may be imposed to enforce this requirement.
- Amplification equipment shall not be allowed except in designated area where and when it is unlikely that disruption will occur;
- Expression that is obscene or defamatory, or consists of fighting words, threats of physical harm, insightful of imminent lawless action, or is commercial in nature or otherwise not entitled to protection, as expression is not permitted.
- All publicity, handouts printed materials, etc. are governed by UA Cossatot policies and procedures.
- Material handed out may not be left out for people to take. If there is a significant issue with materials causing unsightliness or liter, that privilege will be provoked;
- Those handing out material may not follow members of the campus community, and refusals to take material shall immediately be respected by expressive speakers;
- The organizer must be present throughout the event with a copy of the approved reservation form for the duration of the function and present the form to UA Cossatot Police if requested. The event may be terminated by campus Police for failure to have a copy of the approved reservation form on the premises.
- The organizer shall be solely responsible for any and all costs arising from or relating to any event and by requesting to use UA facilities agrees to pay all such charges.
- To help ensure a diverse array of activities and uses, non-UA Cossatot entities may schedule initially a total of three events per semester; requests for additional reservations will be limited to one event per reservation, and that event must transpire before another reservation is considered.

PUBLIC FORUM LOCATIONS

Public forum locations for non-UA Cossatot entities include the following locations. These locations are made available on a content neutral basis subject to the defined time, place and manner parameters.

1. The UA Cossatot Café Patio (Sevier Co), assuming no college activities are scheduled;
2. Howard County campus Courtyard (may not block walk-through traffic);
3. Little River County campus – lawn adjacent to OTA building

Policy History:

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PROCEDURE: NONE