



Use of College Facilities or Property and Limits on Direct Solicitation and Advertising

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RESERVABLE SPACES ON CAMPUS

Indoors:

Cantrell Banquet Hall

Chapel of All Faiths

C. Bascom Slemp Student Center:

Atrium, Jefferson Lounge, Rhododendron Room, Dogwood Room

A variety of academic classrooms based on availability around academic functions

David J. Prior Convocation Center

Greear Gym

Indoor Pool

Outdoors:

Bluestone Entrance

Gilliam Sculpture Garden

Intramural Football Field

Plaza Outside Jefferson Lounge (4th Floor Slemp Student Center)

John T. Casteen III Plaza

Lawn by the Lake

Merry Lu Prior Garden

Rosebud Smiddy Garden

Slemp Amphitheatre

Carl Smith Stadium

REASON FOR POLICY

The University of Virginia's College at Wise is a community where the ideals of freedom of inquiry, thought, and expression are respected and sustained. The College is committed to supporting the exercise of protected expression in college-controlled facilities and property while maintaining a safe atmosphere free from disruption.

The College has established requirements for the use of its facilities and property to (1) focus on its mission, (2) provide a safe environment, and (3) preserve the aesthetics of the campus.

DEFINITIONS

College Facility: Any defined space of the College, including a room/rooms, building, or controlled outdoor area.

College Property: Land or buildings that the College owns or leases and that is under the control of the Board of Visitors. College property also includes premises the College uses for activities of its offices, departments, personnel, or students.

Student groups or organizations (Student groups/organizations): Student groups or organizations that have officially registered with the Office of Student Engagement.

Affiliated persons: (1) Students who are registered or enrolled for credit- or non-credit-bearing coursework and (2) College employees, consisting of all full-time and part-time faculty, University staff, classified staff, wage employees (including temps).

Unaffiliated Persons: Any person or party who is not an affiliated person (e.g., businesses, non-profit organizations).

Public Speaking: Speech or expressive activity directed to a general audience or non-specific persons.

Amplified Sound: Any sound that is broadcast through electronically amplified equipment.

POLICY STATEMENT

The use of College facilities and property must:

- not impede student education, academic activities, research, scheduled events, College functions, residences, or the faculty/staff work environment;
- be safe for participants and not generate security issues;
- allow for invited or permitted speakers to be heard without disruption; and
- preserve the integrity and aesthetics of the College's property.

Public speaking and distribution of literature under this policy is not considered speech made by, on behalf of, or endorsed by the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

GENERAL ACCESS TO COLLEGE FACILITIES

Subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions, including those outlined below, College facilities may be made available on a first-come, first-served basis in the following order of priority: student groups or organizations, employees, alumni, and unaffiliated persons. Access shall be granted without regard to the content or viewpoint of speakers or their sponsors. Individual departments may adopt guidelines governing the use of their facilities provided that they are consistent with this policy.

(a) Access by Student Groups or Organizations:

Student groups or organizations have priority over the use of College facilities designated for student activities. Other College facilities, including available academic spaces, also may be reserved for extracurricular activity by student groups or organizations.

(b) Access by Alumni:

Select College locations may be available to alumni for private events. Procedures governing the use of these facilities for these services are available with the Director of Residence Life and Conferences and Events, and/or the Director of the David J. Prior Convocation Center.

(c) Access by Unaffiliated Persons:

All events must be conducted in a manner that does not hinder or impede the College's mission. If a resource or scheduling conflict arises, events by College departments and student groups/organizations shall have scheduling priority over events and activities conducted by unaffiliated sponsored persons.

GENERAL ACCESS TO OUTDOOR COLLEGE PROPERTY

(a) Access by Affiliated Persons:

Affiliated persons and student groups/organizations may utilize outdoor College property for public speaking or distributing literature, so long as they do not impede normal College operations, obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic, restrict equal access to the College's outdoor spaces, or violate College policies or law. No outdoor events are permitted between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m..

(b) Access by Unaffiliated Persons:

Unaffiliated persons wishing to engage in public speaking or distribute literature on outdoor College property may do so in designated locations. Unaffiliated persons wishing to utilize the spaces designated for public speaking or distribution of literature may do so by contacting the Director of Residence Life and Conferences and Events and/or the Director of the David J. Prior Convocation Center no more than 4 weeks in advance and at least 7 days in advance of the desired speaking date. Reservations are allocated on a space-available basis, with priority given to student groups/organizations and other affiliated persons. Reservations are for two-hour blocks, with a maximum of one two-hour block per speaker per week. Use of spaces designated for public speaking or distribution of literature must conform with College policies and policies and rules provided by the Director of Residence Life and Conferences and Events or the Director of the David J. Prior Convocation Center. It must not block pedestrian or vehicular traffic or impede normal College operations.

In addition to the opportunities for speech by unaffiliated persons outlined in this subsection, events that are held in indoor College facilities and are open to the public or to select unaffiliated persons create a right to peaceful demonstration and protest on outdoor College property in specific relation to such events, in a manner that (1) does not impede normal operations or obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic, (2) is consistent with College policies, and (3) complies with any event-specific security requirements.

DUTIES TOWARD SPEAKERS/EVENTS

No person may disrupt an invited or permitted speaker/event or hinder the ability of other attendees to see or hear a speaker. Any disruption incident should be reported to [Campus Police by calling 9-1-1](#) or 276-328-COPS (2677).

ADMISSION FEES

Admission may be charged for events sponsored by student groups/organizations, but if admission is charged normal, rental rates for using space will apply.

LIMITS ON ADVERTISING, SALES, AND COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION

Direct advertising, sales, and commercial solicitation by affiliated and unaffiliated persons are prohibited on College property or in College facilities, including College Housing. Student groups or organizations may, however, engage in promotional and fundraising activity if such activity does not disrupt College business, generate security issues, duplicate services or goods provided at the College, block sidewalks or roads, impair the aesthetics and integrity of College property, or generate personal profit for individuals.

Any reservable spaces in this policy are available for promotional activities or fundraising by student groups or organizations. Promotional activity or fundraising by student groups/organizations shall occur at scheduled times approved by the Director of Residence Life and Conferences and Events and/or the Director of the David J. Prior Convocation Center. These activities are only permitted between 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PROHIBITION OF WEARING MASKS IN CERTAIN PLACES

Per § 18.2-422. Prohibition of wearing masks in certain places. It is unlawful for any person over 16 years of age to, with the intent to conceal his identity, wear any mask, hood or other device whereby a substantial portion of the face is hidden or covered so as to conceal the identity of the wearer.

TENTS

All tents (regardless of size), whether rental, College-owned, or privately owned, erected on College property must be assembled by the Uniform Statewide Building Code and the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code with the assistance of campus police.

Camping is prohibited in outdoor College facilities and on outdoor College property. Camping includes taking up temporary quarters utilizing a tent or other sheltering equipment, including, but not limited to, sleeping bags.

