

Amplified Sound Policy/Free Speech Zone & Open Platform Policy at the Republic of Panama campus

FSU-3.003 Freedom of Expression Rights and Responsibilities, Open Platform Areas

(1) The right of all students and individuals to seek knowledge, debate ideas, form opinions and freely express their views is recognized. This right must be exercised in a manner which will not interfere with the same rights and freedoms of others in their enjoyment of the benefits of the programs offered by this University, or their lawful use of University facilities, including ingress and egress. Such rights may be exercised subject to applicable laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

(2) The right or freedom of peaceful assembly is recognized and shall be protected. Only those gatherings that do not disrupt the orderly functioning of the University and related activities shall qualify as peaceful and therefore be protected. Meetings are included in the terms assemblies and gatherings.

(3) Recognized student organizations or other students may hold meetings inside University buildings, provided prior approval is granted by the university authorities, and if there is space availability.

(4) The right to peacefully picket is recognized.

(5) Students' right to write and distribute literature and to express thoughts and beliefs is acknowledged. Individual students, non-recognized and recognized student organizations may circulate literature, provided it is identified by authorship and sponsorship, subject to applicable provisions of FSU Regulation FSU-2.0131 Posting, Chalking Advertising and Active Distribution of Materials on FSU Campuses.

(6) Recognized student organizations and the Student Government Association may invite persons from outside the University to speak to their memberships and the public. If University facilities are to be used for holding the meeting, prior scheduling and space reservations approval shall be obtained from the Vice Rector for Academic Affairs and in close coordination with the Operations Manager.