

AP 5550 Speech: Time, Place, and Manner

Reference:

Education Code Section 76120

Policy directed by Associated Students Government Rules Committee.

Students shall have the right of peaceful assembly for the purpose of exchanging ideas and taking stands and positions on current issues and controversies. Peaceful demonstrations and picketing, provided they are conducted in a non-violent and non-disruptive manner, are legitimate modes of expression. However, peaceful dissent must be distinguished from gatherings which disrupt the educational process.

Demonstrations and picketing involve elements of speech and conduct. Demonstrators have no right to deprive others of the opportunity to speak or to be heard, or to unduly obstruct the movement of others, or to otherwise disrupt the educational process in any way that interferes with the safety and freedom of others. The following rules shall apply to demonstrations and picketing on campus:

1. Students shall be allowed to demonstrate and peacefully picket in the following open areas on campus:
 - a. The ramada area southwest of the College Center and northwest of the 800 Building;
 - b. The campus amphitheater;
 - c. At other areas of facilities agreed to by the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, upon proper application to the Student Affairs Office.
2. Demonstrations and picketing shall not take place inside of buildings, or be conducted at any entrance or other areas in such a manner as to obstruct traffic or interfere with the rights of others.
3. Pickets and demonstrators shall not engage in violence or threatened violence; nor shall they intimidate others, use obscene language, or violate any campus rule or State law.
4. Pickets shall maintain a reasonable distance between one another and shall not use or brandish picket signs in a manner threatening violence.
5. Electrical amplification for individual speakers shall be provided by the Student Affairs Office for use in the amphitheater only. Only one person shall use or be in control of a microphone or amplification device at any one time.
6. Student pickets and demonstrators shall not use bullhorns or other means of voice amplification, except as provided for herein.