

## **1. Purpose and Overview of Policy**

Kennesaw State University (“KSU”) recognizes and is committed to upholding the First Amendment rights of all individuals, including the guarantees of freedom of speech

including speeches, performances, demonstrations, marches, protests, picketing, and the distribution of non-commercial literature. “Expressive activity” or “expression” is not intended to mean ordinary, day-to-day conversations among members of the KSU community. Commercial speech is regulated by KSU solicitation policies (e.g., Advertising Policy, Student Code of Conduct, and Posting and Advertising Policies for KSU Registered Student Organizations). Demonstrations and assembly can be valid expression for all opinions, including dissenting opinions, provided that the demonstration or assembly does not disrupt the academic or administrative functions of the University. KSU affirms its commitment to the First Amendment rights of those on its campuses even though the language or ideals of those seeking a venue for free expression may contradict University ideals or the personal views of KSU students and employees.

Individuals or groups of people who are not members of the campus community may only engage in expressive activity on KSU’s campus in accordance with Sections 7-9 of this policy.

The **KSU campus community** means students, faculty, staff, and their invited guests, provided such guests are in the company of the inviting party.

**Spontaneous expression** is defined as expressive activity that is not planned more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to such activity.

For members of the KSU campus community, the **unrestricted outdoor areas** of campus are deemed public forums and venues for expression. **Restricted outdoor areas** of campus include, but are not limited to: the KSU Sports and Recreation Park, Fifth Third Bank Stadium, Bailey Athletic Complex, Campus Entry Lawn, S. Walter Kelly Sr. Memorial Field, athletic fields, parking lots and decks, and active campus construction areas. The designation of public forum areas herein may not be used to prohibit the KSU campus community from engaging in expressive activities consistent with this policy elsewhere on campus.

## 5. Designation of Forums on Campus

While all the unrestricted outdoor areas of campus are deemed public forums and venues for expression for members of the KSU campus community, KSU has also designated the following highly visible locations as public forums on KSU’s campus (“Designated Camps



## **7. Provisions for Non-Campus Members**

Individuals or groups of people who are not enrolled at or employed

that such a location exists on KSU's campuses;



lighting of any material on fire; provided, however, that small handheld candles may be permitted if in compliance with KSU Fire and Life Safety policies and procedures, and with special permission from the Office of the Dean of Students, or its designee.

- Except as allowed under the KSU Posting and Chalking Policy, affixing items to any permanent structure (e.g., buildings, fences, trees, etc.), including through projection, is prohibited
- Expressive activities may not disrupt or preclude a scheduled speaker from being heard.
- Individuals and groups of individuals expressing themselves on KSU's campus must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws; Board of Regents' policies; and KSU policies, rules, and regulations.
- Security fees may be assessed consistent with KSU's Security Policy. See [https://police.kennesaw.edu/special\\_events.php](https://police.kennesaw.edu/special_events.php).

Authorization of a speech, event, or demonstration is contingent upon compliance with the criteria listed above. The authorized representative of the speaker or group is required to sign a form acknowledging compliance with these administrative procedures and guidelines and acknowledging that the University will not be held responsible for the actions of participants in the expression. Additionally, the authorized representative must sign a form acknowledging agreement to make restitution for any litter or property damage that is caused by the representative's speaker or group. Non-compliance with this Policy, other University policies, and/or applicable law could result in sanctioning through the Student Conduct and Academic Integrity process (for students) or employee disciplinary action, both of which could result in consequences, including, but not limited to, the revocation of privileges under this Policy, including the cancellation of future existing reservations ra he





