

USE OF UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define allowed uses for university facilities, including buildings, University facilities, grounds, and other resources (collectively “facilities”).

II. Primary Uses of University Facilities

University facilities- exist for the purpose of fulfilling the University’s broad educational objectives, including its primary educational mission of teaching, research, and public service; promoting a robust exchange and critical evaluation of diverse viewpoints; and fostering economic development and community involvement. When not required for its organized educational programming or official functions, University facilities may be made available for extracurricular use to colleges, departments, and other organizational units of the University; to organizations composed exclusively of faculty and staff; to organizations that exist solely for the benefit of the University; and to recognized student organizations with the approval of the faculty advisor.

III. Other Uses of University Facilities

When a facility is not in use for a regularly scheduled educational activity or for an extracurricular activity by one of the University organizations listed above, pursuant to policies or procedures tailored to the educational objectives of the University adopted by each campus, division, or unit, such facilities may be made available for use by individual or informal groups of students as part of their overall educational experience, or by other persons or entities if such use serves institutional objectives. For example, it is an objective of the University to provide opportunities for University and broader communities to see and hear leaders from throughout the state, nation, and world. Speeches and debates by or on behalf of candidates for office may be scheduled in University facilities under arrangements that allow reasonable opportunities for opposing candidates or points of view, although campaign fundraising is not permitted, and University imagery shall not be used for campaign advertising. It must be made clear that the University does not support or oppose the views or candidacies of such individuals. Any such use is secondary to and shall not interfere with the primary purposes and functions to which University facilities are dedicated.

IV. Expressive Activities

Members of the campus community may engage in expressive activities in outdoor-certain campus areas, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions to be defined by each campus, unit or division. Any such restrictions will be described in a published campus, unit, or division policy, must be consistent with constitutional requirements and

~~Arkansas Code section 6-60-1005~~state law, and must be reviewed by the Office of General Counsel.

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