University of Denver Campus Demonstrations

The University of Denver is an institution of higher learning, whose primary focus is to provide education and training for its student community. As with any institution of higher learning, the university has established policies and procedures to safeguard the educational process, protect individual and institutional rights and property, and ensure the safety of all members of the university community. **The University reserves the right to regulate time, place, and manner to ensure that the institutional mission and daily functions are not compromised.**

The University is a proponent of “Freedom of Speech”, and encourages dialogue and differences of opinions and views among its community. Any recognized university organization or individuals sponsored by a department may hold a demonstration on campus. The following guidelines provide a framework for a demonstration to occur on campus.

1. **LOCATION:** Driscoll Lawn is the recommended venue for planned demonstrations and protests. The use of this venue or other venues may be reserved through the Director of the Driscoll Center’s Office. These spaces are made available to the campus community on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Driscoll Center staff will check on the availability of the venue requested, and will determine whether any offices need to be notified. (Driscoll Center office is located in Driscoll North) Such notifications could include, for example, securing the signature of the Department of Campus Safety, or granting an exception to the amplification regulations etc. For events occurring on city sidewalks and streets adjacent to the University, students should make appropriate arrangements to acquire city permits and should adhere to city ordinances and applicable state and federal law.

2. **RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES:**
   A. **Timeline:** When possible individuals or representatives of the sponsoring department or organization wishing to stage a demonstration are encouraged to meet with the Executive Director of Campus Life
   B. **Participants:** Those participating in a campus demonstration should be members of the DU community, should there be guests attending, a check in procedure coordinated by the sponsor is recommended with name tags given to off campus guests to identify them as such.
   C. **Disruption of University Operations:** Campus Demonstrations are expected, but should also not hinder University Operations. Therefore, guidelines such as no amplified sound during certain hours, or no blocking of entrances or egress, or no assembling in a fire lane may be communicated to the sponsoring individual/organization. These guidelines do not preclude the application of other University policies or regulations as may be warranted by a given situation, e.g., University ID policy, Honor Code, Building Code, etc. Furthermore, a protest or
demonstration that significantly disrupts the operations of the University or fails to adhere to building closures may lead to arrest and prosecution for violations of City of Denver ordinances or State or Federal statutes

D. Placards, Banners and Signs Placards, banners, and signs generally are allowed but may not be dangerous for others or impede the participation of others in the life of the University. If the use of placards, banners, and signs are deemed to be dangerous or impede the participation of others, University officials will require the individuals carrying the placards, banners, or signs to move to a different location or remove their materials.

3. ROLE OF SPONSORING INDIVIDUAL/ORGANIZATION: The sponsoring person/organization is responsible for the behavior of the organization's members, guests from off campus. The sponsoring organization is requested to have a representative present at the event throughout the event’s duration. The individual/organization is asked to inform its members and guests of the University’s policies and procedures.

4. CAMPUS SAFETY INVOLVEMENT: University personnel (Department of Campus Safety or Division of Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence) will be present at the event to ensure that the organizers' rights are being protected. To ensure that high level of communication it is encouraged that the individual or organization reaches out to the Department of Campus Safety in the initial planning stages so that potential security problems are identified and solutions are recommended. When warranted, dedicated Safety or Police personnel may be required to be present at the event to serve as a deterrent and provide immediate response to an emergency, i.e., attendance, publicity, controversy, and/or high profile/V.I.P. Depending on the circumstances surrounding the event, supplemental security may result in an additional cost to the organizer.

Campus Demonstrations are an important aspect of our DU community, if there are specific questions call 303.871.3111.