

MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION ON CAMPUS

Mesa Community College (MCC) recognizes and supports the rights of students, employees of all categories, and visitors to speak in public and to demonstrate in a lawful manner in designated areas of the campus and at designated times. In order to maintain safety, security, and order, to insure the orderly scheduling of campus facilities, and to preclude conflicts with academic and co-curricular activities, MCC reserves the reasonable right to limit such activities by the following regulations regarding time, place and manner of such activities.

TIME: The time designated for public expression on campus is between 9:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday, subject to summer and holiday college closures.

PLACE: The circle north-west of the clock tower on the Kirk Student Center (building 35) on the Southern/Dobson campus and between the Desert Willow and Mesquite Buildings at the Red Mountain campus, are designated as the college's open forum space for the purposes of speakers, sponsored and un-sponsored in order to avoid unreasonable conflict with the normal functions and requirements of the College and to assure that the flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic will not be impeded.

MANNER: Demonstrations, speeches, and debates may be held only in the above specified areas. **Authorization is granted based on space availability** through the Offices of Student Life and Leadership. **Notice must be received no less than 48 hours in advance of the activity.** The use of amplification equipment or distribution of flyers, leaflets, stickers, or other products in association with any public expression activity is prohibited.

Public expression activities must not violate the College's harassment policies or any other College policies. Public expression cannot jeopardize public or individual safety. The College reserves the right to relocate or suspend any assembly that violates College or District policy or regulation.

The College recognizes that individuals or groups may be opposed to certain acts of public expression. Disagreement with different opinions is acceptable; however, hindering or obstructing such activity compromises the College's goal of creating an environment where issues can be openly discussed. An individual or group wishing to protest at an event may do so as long as the protest is held in accord with the "time, place, and manner" guidelines detailed above and the speaker's ability to speak and the audience's right to see and to hear a speaker are not unreasonably impeded.

The Vice President of Student Affairs or his/her designee will be responsible for administering this policy. MCC students who violate this policy are subject to judicial review and disciplinary sanctions. Non-college individuals acting in violation of this policy will be required to leave campus, and may be referred to the City of Mesa Police in the event of criminal action. Any police arrests and criminal charges are separate from judicial actions at MCC that may be taken upon students who violate college policy.



Office of Student Life & Leadership

Southern/Dobson campus: 480-461-7285 (phone) 480-461-7953 (fax)

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<http://www.mesacc.edu/students/life>

RESERVATION REQUEST FORM for Public Expression Zone

Instructions: Please complete the following information and fax or return to Student Life and Leadership no later than 48 hours before your event in order to request space on campus.

Contact Name _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date and time requested (mm/dd/yy): (ex: 10/12/09, 9:00-4:00 pm)

Please initial to indicate you have read and understood your responsibilities:

_____ 1.) Any visitor who violates our administrative regulations may be deemed a trespasser on college or center premises, and therefore subject to appropriate prosecution within the discretion of the College Safety department and other responsible officials at the college or center.

_____ 2.) All requests for space shall be granted on a first-come, first-served basis only upon completion of the requirements. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m, Monday through Friday. Requests can be denied if the reservation conflicts with prescheduled institutional events.

_____ 3.) All public expression must take place in designated areas only (see reverse for details). You may not approach students beyond the specified location. Representatives may not distribute or make available to students, employees, or college visitors any tangible item, including flyers, leaflets, stickers, etc. Representatives are also prohibited from using amplification equipment.

Signature of organization's representative:

Date: _____

For additional questions or need information, please contact the Office of Student Life & Leadership.



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