

# HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY

## Policy on Public Speech, Assembly and Demonstrations

*Harris-Stowe State University believes the free exchange of ideas is an essential part of a healthy university community and part of developing the holistic student.*

Harris-Stowe State University has right, in limited circumstances, to regulate registration of event, place and manner of public speech, assembly and demonstration. Such plans will be considered in accordance with the principle of content neutrality.

### Registration:

- should complete specified request for event approval. (form on next page)
- should apply at least 48-72 hours prior to the actual event date when possible and practical
- processing for non-student groups or groups outside the campus community may take up to 72 hours
- the **Dean of Students** makes every effort to approve applications quickly however applicants may not take action until an application is processed and approved.
- Areas will be generally available from 8:00am-4:30pm Monday-Friday
- the requested event cannot:
  - interfere with another approved event
  - interfere with University operations
  - be scheduled during other major university events—as determined by Student Affairs

**Place: University has designated 2 preferred locations; however, other locations may be considered preferred locations are:**

- **J.B. “Jet Banks” Park**
- **Baseball Field parking lot**

The person or organization applying will select only 1 spot.

### Manner:

- Approved by **Dean of Students** or their designee
- Peaceful
- No harmful acts, destruction or defacement of property, physical assaults or threats thereof
- May not display or threaten to use or display firearms, explosives or weapons of any type
- Amplification devices cannot be used
- May not obstruct, disrupt, or attempt to force the cancellation of any event sponsored by the University or by any users authorized to use University facilities.
- May not block ingress or egress to roadways, buildings, exterior patios or plazas or gathering places.
- Speech cannot be projected into private areas or so to disrupt university classes or administrative functions

### Sanctions:

- Individuals are subject to all sanctions in the HSSU Student Code of Conduct.
- Individuals are subject to all sanctioning under the local, state and federal laws.

### Non-Endorsement

- University doesn't endorse any group and makes no guarantees for any group.

### Video/Audio Taping:

- University reserves right to video/audio tape any public speech, assembly or demonstrate

