

Free Speech & Peaceful Assembly Policy

The following principles have been established in order to facilitate effective expression of free speech and peaceful assembly:

A. Rowan University students, faculty and/or staff planning a protest march or demonstration on campus should contact The Office of the Assistance Vice President for Student Affairs at least 24 hours in advance in order to gain assistance in developing the protest activity, to discuss applicable University policies, to confirm the line of march (if applicable) and to ensure that no other group has already scheduled an activity for the anticipated location of the protest. If more than one group is exercising right of free speech and peaceful assemble at the same location, Rowan expects all involved to demonstrate respect for those expressing differing views. Off campus individuals or groups must contact The Office of the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at least 48 hours in advance to schedule events. Contact with The Office of the Assistant of Student Life will be for the purpose of assistance to the protesting groups. No records regarding the purpose or participants in a protest will be maintained by the University.

B. Because interior locations within buildings are frequently booked well in advance, those wishing to engage in protest activities in a particular room or building should reserve that space through the existing established procedures for the particular facility. Contact The Office of the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs for assistance in determining the appropriate individual or office to reserve the building space.

C. Demonstrators are expected to assist in cleaning up any litter that might result from leafleting or other demonstration activity.

D. Posted materials must be in accord with the current campus posting policy. Other printed materials (i.e. handouts and leaflets) are not affected by posting polices and may be of anonymous authorship/sponsorship.

E. Individuals or groups wishing to use University owned sound amplification equipment may request to rent equipment by contacting the Student Activities Board. If equipment is available at the time of the events, the Office of the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs can assist with finding a location where sound amplification equipment may reasonably be used.

F. The University recognizes that spontaneous demonstrations may occur. In such situations, the University expects the students/faculty/ and staff involved to engage in responsible and peaceful assembly and reserves the right for an appropriate university official, such as The Office of the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs or a Public Safety Office, to ask demonstrators to relocate the assembly if it proves disruptive at that particular location.