SECTION 1: GENERAL UNIVERSITY POLICIES

1-7 PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY, PROTESTS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS

The University of North Dakota is dedicated to intellectual development by the process of rational thought and free expression of ideas and opinions. The academic community does not merely tolerate dissent, but welcomes responsible discourse and dissent on the issues of our time. “College and university students are both citizens and members of the academic community. As citizens, students should enjoy the same freedom of speech, peaceful assembly and rights of petition that other citizens enjoy and as members of the academic community, they are subject to the obligations which accrue to them by the virtue of this membership. The University should ensure that institutional powers are not employed to inhibit such intellectual and personal development of students as is often promoted by their exercise of the right of citizenship both on and off campus” (Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students).

A. Any peaceful assembly or demonstration will be registered with the Dean of Students Office prior to the event. Whenever possible, at least 24 hours of lead-time will be given. The registration process will enable University officials to:

1. Outline and discuss with demonstrators the guidelines necessary to keep the demonstration non-violent and non-disruptive.

2. Plan for the control of possible counter demonstrations that would infringe upon the rights of the demonstrators or result in violent, abusive action.

3. Encourage and assist organizers in completing the Special Events application process.

B. Demonstrations will be permitted to continue as long as they are not disruptive to the educational process of the University.

C. See Section 5: Use of University Facilities, especially Section 5-3: Special Events.

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