

Clarion University Peaceful Assembly Policy

Purpose

Clarion University acknowledges the rights of individuals to assemble in groups for peaceful purposes. Consistent with the United States Constitution, the University may establish reasonable regulations regarding the time, place, and manner in which persons exercise their free speech rights.

Therefore, in an effort to prevent the disruption of the normal conduct of University Affairs, the endangerment of the health and safety of individuals, and/or damage of property, the University hereby designates the Gemmell outside performing area as the "Peaceful Assembly Area" on the Clarion campus and is unrestricted on time of day or day of week. Alternative locations can be planned for an area on-campus, Monday through Friday after 7:00 p.m. that is no less than 50 feet away from an academic building or residence hall, or Saturday and Sunday, no restrictions on time, but must be at least 50 feet away from an academic building or residence hall.

Individuals planning such events on the Clarion campus must coordinate their activities through the Office of Conference and Event Services in the Gemmell Student Complex. The sponsoring individual, organization, or group must assume responsibility for compliance with the Peaceful Assembly Policy, as well as all other applicable university policies and federal, state, and local laws.

Policy

Individuals wishing to organize a peaceful assembly must complete the *Peaceful Assembly Space Request Form* located in the Office of Conference and Events Services in consultation with the Director of Campus Life. Such events are scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis, are restricted to the Gemmell Performance Area, except as noted above, and must:

- a. Have the completed *Peaceful Assembly Space Request Form* turned into the Office of Conference and Event Services at least 48 hours in advance of the start of the event;
- b. Be conducted in an orderly manner with areas utilized left in the same state as found before the event;
- c. Not interfere in any way with vehicular or pedestrian traffic or obstruct any entrances or exits to surrounding buildings; and
- d. Not interfere with classes, scheduled events, meetings or any other normal operations or educational functions of the University.

Once the *Peaceful Assembly Space Request Form* is processed, copies of the form will be sent to Public Safety, Facilities Management and the Director of Campus Life. Additionally, all members of the President's Executive Council (PEC) will receive an email confirming the date, time, and name of the individual, recognized student organization, or group sponsoring the event.

Amplified sound on the Gemmell Performance Area is permitted. However, the event organizers are responsible for providing their own amplification equipment. Due to the proximity of classrooms and residence halls, the University administration will closely monitor the sound level.

In the event of inclement weather, the organizers must decide whether to hold the event as scheduled or reschedule the event for a different day and/or time.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in one or more of the following:

- a. The event may be disbursed;
- b. Disruptive individuals may be removed from campus;
- c. The individual, group or RSO may be prohibited from reserving space on campus;
- d. A reasonable fee for clean-up and/or repair to the premises may be charged;
- e. The student organizer(s) or sponsoring RSO may face a University Conduct Board hearing; and/or
- f. Other action consistent with federal, state, and local laws, as well as University policies may be taken.

Passed by PEC 2004

PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY SPACE REQUEST FORM
Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Clarion University acknowledges the rights of students and others to assemble in groups for peaceful purposes. Consistent with the United States Constitution, the University may establish reasonable regulations regarding the time, place, and manner in which persons exercise their free speech rights to the extent necessary to prevent disruption of the normal conduct of University affairs, the endangerment of health and safety of individuals, and/or damage of property. Campus assemblies may be conducted except when it is reasonably foreseeable that the allowance of the exercise of the otherwise protected expression will result in a substantial disruption of the University and its activities.

Name of Group/Individuals _____
Sponsoring Assembly: _____

Demonstration Coordinator: _____ Phone: _____

Local Address: _____

Faculty/Staff Advisor (if applicable): _____

Assembly Date: _____ Time: _____

Place: _____ Gemmell Performance Area

Number of Participants: _____

Manner of Assembly: _____

Have speakers been invited? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list: _____

I/we understand that freedom of expression does not constitute freedom to disrupt class work, programs or the daily activities of Clarion University. I/we understand that failure to follow the guidelines as outlined in the Clarion University Peaceful Assembly Policy or the specific requests of a duly authorized University representative during the planned assembly, could result in criminal prosecution and/or university judicial action.

Signature _____
Assembly Coordinator Date

Signature _____
Director of Campus Life (or designee) Date

- Copies To:
Assembly Coordinator
Public Safety
Facilities Management
Director of Campus Life
Director of Conference & Event Services