

WAC 504-33-012 Use of university facilities for first amendment/free speech activities—General policy and purpose. The university believes that freedom of expression is an indispensable quality of university life, and that active participation in political and social expression both enhances the education of the individual and contributes to the betterment of society. The university is committed to respecting and promoting the rights afforded by the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, including the right to free speech, petition, and assembly.

The university further recognizes that it has an obligation to maintain an atmosphere that allows it to carry out its broad missions of teaching, research, and public service in the course of the normal operations of the university.

To achieve the objectives of chapter 504-33 WAC, it is essential that free expression be accomplished in a manner that allows for the orderly function of normal university operations. Thus, the purpose of the time, place, and manner regulations set forth in chapter 504-33 WAC is to promote opportunities for exercise of the rights protected by the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States on the university campus and to ensure that these activities do not interfere with the furtherance of the university's mission-related responsibilities for which the university's buildings, facilities, and grounds are dedicated by the state of Washington.

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