

# THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE

## USE OF OUTDOOR AREAS OF CAMPUS

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**Purpose** The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama, an independent, constitutional instrumentality of the state, controls The University of Alabama in Huntsville (“UAH” or “University”), an enclave created for the pursuit of higher learning, and is committed to free and open inquiry and expression for members of its campus communities. Except as limitations on that freedom are appropriate to the functioning of the campuses and permissible under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, UAH will regulate access to the outdoor areas of UAH’s campus, including sidewalks on its campus, in a manner that respects and supports the freedom of all members of each campus community “to discuss any problem that presents itself.” To that end, this policy provides UAH’s affiliates access to outdoor areas of campus while preserving the primacy of UAH’s teaching, research, and service mission. Among other significant interests, this policy is intended to facilitate responsible stewardship of institutional resources; to protect the educational experience of its students; to preserve the primacy of its teaching and research mission; to ensure health, safety, and order on campus; to regulate competing uses of its facilities and grounds and protect campus property; and protect the safety and wellbeing of those with the right to use the outdoor areas to engage in protected speech, while also providing opportunities for freedom of expression and assembly that is consistent with UAH’s teaching, research, and service mission.

UAH will enforce reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions that are viewpoint neutral to ensure that these interests are protected and that expression does not disrupt the ordinary activities of the institution.

Use of UAH’s outdoor areas by persons, groups, or organizations affiliated or unaffiliated with UAH will be primarily handled in accordance with this policy.

### **Policy**

The outdoor areas of UAH (referred to as “grounds” or “outdoor space”), including the sidewalks on its campus, are intended primarily for the support of the teaching, research,

and service components of its mission. Second priority is given to programs sponsored and conducted by UAH's academic, research, and administrative departments or organizations affiliated with such departments. Beyond these two priorities, use of outdoor space is primarily permitted for activities that are intended to serve or benefit the UAH community and must not interfere with the academic mission or operation of UAH. These additional significant interests include, but are not limited to, protecting the educational experience of its students; ensuring health, safety, and order on its campus; regulating competing uses of its grounds as well as protecting campus property; and protecting the safety and wellbeing of those with the right to use its facilities and grounds to engage in protected speech. To the extent any outdoor space is made available for activities or gatherings, including activities of expression, the reservation and/or use of such space is subject to this policy as well as all other applicable University policies, procedures, and guidelines along with local, state, and federal laws.

#### A. Who May Use Outdoor Space

Subject to the terms of, and exceptions included in, this policy, outdoor space generally may only be reserved or used by the following:

1. members of the campus community (*i.e.*, UAH faculty, staff, and students);
2. a University academic or administrative unit;
3. a registered student organization;<sup>1</sup> or
4. an individual or organization that is sponsored by (a) the University, (b) a University registered student organization, (c) administrator, or (d) a member of the faculty or staff.<sup>2</sup>

The aforementioned categories of eligible users are collectively referred to in this policy as "University affiliate(s)." Any University affiliate that reserves outdoor space must participate in any activity associated with that reservation.

#### B. Reservation Requirements

University affiliates have the right to engage in spontaneous activities of expression as provided for in Paragraph F of this policy and subject to compliance with applicable University rules. Aside from the opportunities for free expression outlined in Paragraph

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<sup>1</sup> A "registered student organization" is one that is properly registered with UAH's Division of Student Affairs that has not had its available privileges, such as the use of outdoor space, withdrawn, suspended and/or restricted.

<sup>2</sup> A University registered student organization, administrator, or a member of the faculty or staff, rather than the University, decides which activities of expression and/or assembly they may wish to sponsor.

F and casual recreational or social activities, reservations must be made for activities that make use of outdoor space under the control of UAH (an “Event”), including sidewalks within the boundaries of UAH’s campus. When required, requests for Event reservations shall be made in writing in accordance with Paragraph C (*Reservation Process for Use of Outdoor Space and Approval of GUR Applications*).

#### C. Reservation Process for Use of Outdoor Space and Approval of Grounds Use Reservation (“GUR”) Applications

In addition to the requirements and limitations of this policy, all use of outdoor space is further governed by any policy and procedure relevant to a specific outdoor space, the Alcoholic Beverage Usage at University Events Policy, the Child Protection Policy, the Smoke-and Tobacco-Free Policy, the General Terms and Conditions for Use of Outdoor Space incorporated herein by reference, and all other applicable policies and procedures.

1. Subject to the limited exceptions noted in Paragraph C.6 below and Paragraph F (*Activities of Expression*), each applicant for an Event on campus must register their Event by completing a GUR application. The GUR application and General Terms and Conditions for Use of Outdoor Space is available online at <https://sites.google.com/a/uah.edu/conferences-and-events/home/forms>.
2. To facilitate the review by various UAH departments that have responsibility for different aspects of an Event (e.g., tents, food service, security, risk management, electrical service, etc.), applicants for use of the space are strongly encouraged to submit a GUR application at least ten (10) days prior to the Event. At a minimum, a GUR application must be submitted no less than three (3) business days<sup>3</sup> prior to the planned Event. The GUR application will be approved or denied within two (2) business days of receipt.
3. Upon receipt of the GUR application, the UAH Associate Director of Conference and Events will forward same via e-mail to the Chief of Police for the University of Alabama in Huntsville Police Department (“UAHPD”), the Office of Risk Management, Facilities and Operations, and Environmental Health and Safety.
4. The UAH Associate Director of Conference and Events will approve a GUR application properly made by an appropriate University affiliate unless there

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<sup>3</sup> A University business day means any day when UAH is in operation. It does not include Saturdays, Sundays, and University holidays or other days when normal business operations are suspended.

are reasonable grounds to believe that one or more of the following conditions are present:

- a. The applicant has had their/its available privileges, such as the use of certain outdoor space or facilities, withdrawn, suspended, and/or restricted.
  - b. The proposed outdoor space is unavailable at the time requested because of conflicting events previously planned in or around that location.
  - c. The proposed date, time, or requested space is unreasonable given the nature of the Event and/or the impact it would have on UAH's resources and teaching and research mission.
  - d. The Event would present logistical complexities that cannot be accommodated based on when the GUR application was submitted, the size of the event, and when the Event is to occur.
  - e. The Event would not comply with the provisions of Paragraph E (*General Provisions Applying to All Use of Outdoor Space*).
  - f. The Event would reasonably constitute an immediate and actual danger to the health and safety of UAH students, faculty, or staff, or to the peace or security of UAH that available law enforcement officials could not control with reasonable effort.
  - g. The University affiliate who submits the application has on prior occasions damaged UAH property and has not paid in full for such damage.
  - h. The requested use of outdoor space is inconsistent with the terms of this policy.
5. If issued, a permit granting use of outdoor space shall (a) specify the boundaries of the area to be used; (b) the date for which the use is approved; (c) the time at which the reservation for the use expires, and (d) any special provision(s) concerning the use of the space. If denied, the Associate Director of Conference and Events will set forth in writing the grounds for denial, including, if applicable, any measures that would cure any defects in the application.
6. Exceptions

- a. Intercollegiate Athletic Facilities. Athletic outdoor practice fields, training facilities, and tennis courts are owned and maintained by UAH for the primary use and benefit of the intercollegiate athletic programs of UAH, of allied non-University athletic activities consistent with such programs, and of official academic events of UAH. The use of these outdoor facilities shall be limited to these purposes unless otherwise authorized by the Athletic Department. Requests for use of all intercollegiate athletic facilities must be made directly to the Athletic Department's Senior Woman Administrator/Assistant Athletic Director. Distribution of materials pursuant to this policy is not allowed in intercollegiate athletic facilities or within the security perimeter of athletic events without the permission of the Athletic Department.
- b. Recreation Facilities. Setzer Field, Riggs Field, the Disc Golf Course, and the grass intramural fields at Southeast Campus Housing are intended primarily for student recreational use on an organized group and individual basis. Requests for recreational facilities shall be made online at <https://rec.uah.edu/Facility/ReservationRequest>.
- c. Charger Union breezeway, Charger Union lawn, Charger Union Outdoor Theater. Reservations for these locations shall be booked in accordance with the Charger Union Use of Space & Reservation Policy.

#### D. Appeal of Denial of GUR Application

1. A University affiliate whose request for the use of outdoor space is denied may appeal to the Vice President for Student Affairs.
  - a. Appeals should be filed in writing with the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs within five (5) business days of the denial of the GUR application.
  - b. The Vice President for Student Affairs (or designee) shall convey the appeal decision in writing to the applicant and to the appropriate administrative unit within five (5) business days after receiving the appeal.
2. The decision of the Vice President for Student Affairs on any appeal shall be final.

## E. General Provisions Applying to All Use of Outdoor Space

The following requirements/limitations apply to **ALL** activities or Events requiring access to outdoor space:

1. Persons may not block or otherwise interfere with the free flow of vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic. The right of way on streets and sidewalks must be maintained.
2. Persons may not block or otherwise interfere with ingress and egress into and out of campus buildings.
3. Persons shall not obstruct, disrupt, interrupt, or attempt to force the cancellation of any event or activity sponsored by UAH or by any individual/group authorized to use outdoor space.
4. Where an invited speaker is the object of protest, persons may demonstrate and/or distribute materials outside the facility where the speech is taking place, subject to the requirements of this policy, which may include registration or notice. Persons who wish to attend an Event must do so as members of the audience and must give the speaker a respectful hearing (e.g., do not interrupt, etc.). Failure to grant the speaker a respectful hearing may result in the offending person(s) being asked to leave or being removed. Signs, placards, or similar paraphernalia associated with a demonstration shall not be carried into any building on campus. This provision is focused on preventing material and substantial interferences. It does not prevent attendees from engaging in silent, nonobstructive protests (e.g., turning their backs on a speaker, etc.) or respectfully engaging a speaker in discussion or debate when the speaker provides that opportunity to the audience.
5. Persons shall not engage in physically abusive or threatening conduct toward any person or group.
6. Persons shall always comply with the directions of UAH public safety personnel, including the UAHPD.
7. Persons shall not prevent, obstruct, or interfere with regular academic, research, administrative, student activities, or other approved activities at UAH.
8. Use of public address systems and amplified sound, including electronic amplification, is only permitted pursuant to the terms of Paragraph G (Use of Sound Amplification) below.

9. The safety and well-being of members of the campus community collectively and individually, as well as the educational experience and other significant interests of UAH as outlined herein, must be protected at all times. UAH maintains the right to impose reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions for Events and activities occurring in outdoor space in a viewpoint-neutral manner to ensure that expressive activity is protected and that expression does not disrupt the ordinary activities of the institution. This includes, but is not limited to, modifying, disbanding or relocating an Event or activity that conflicts with previously scheduled events in or around that space or that reasonably creates a health or safety risk to persons or risk to property on campus.
10. UAH property must be protected at all times.
11. Persons on UAH's property may be required to provide identification and evidence of qualification to a UAH official upon request. Evidence of qualification means evidence that the person is a currently registered student, staff or faculty member at the institution, is a University affiliate, or has lawful activity to pursue at UAH.
12. Persons engaging in activities on UAH property are subject to and must comply with all applicable UAH policies and procedures.
13. Any person or group holding an Event on campus must remove all trash and other items associated with the Event (e.g., fencing, stages, tents, tarps, etc.) and return the grounds to pre-Event condition by 7:00 a.m. the following day. For events that are scheduled to end before 5 p.m., such removal must take place within three hours of the scheduled end of the event. UAH will assess the reasonable costs of returning the grounds to pre-Event condition (including damages, labor, repairs, replacement, etc.) and/or cleanup to those persons or organizations failing to comply with this requirement.
14. Candles, fireworks, pyrotechnics, bonfires, and other open flames are not permitted at any Event using outdoor space unless it is a UAH sponsored Event that has been coordinated with UAHPD and local fire department officials.
15. Misuse/abuse of trees located on UAH property is prohibited. Examples of tree misuse/abuse include, but are not limited to, climbing, breaking limbs/branches, use of ropes, wire, slack-lines, zip-lines, nails, tape and signage, etc.

16. With the exception of service animals that are trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability, the use of animals in conjunction with an Event is prohibited without prior written approval from the Division of Student Affairs. The Division of Student Affairs shall consult with the Office of Risk Management prior to granting permission.
17. No outdoor Event may last longer than eight (8) hours during a 24-hour period without prior written approval from the Division of Student Affairs. Likewise, overnight camping or the use of temporary shelters (e.g., tents) is not allowed without prior written approval from the Division of Student Affairs.

#### F. Activities of Expression

The primary function of a university is to discover and disseminate knowledge by means of research, teaching, discussion, and debate. To fulfill this function, free and open inquiry and expression of ideas is necessary within UAH by its University affiliates. At UAH, freedom of expression and assembly is vital to the pursuit of knowledge. Such freedom comes with a responsibility to welcome and promote this freedom for all, even in disagreement, opposition, or even offense.

UAH supports the right to free expression on campus by University affiliates, through rallies, speeches, petitions, vigils, and distribution of materials, among others, provided such an Event complies with this policy and does not disrupt normal University activities, infringe upon the rights of others, or otherwise infringe on UAH's significant interests as set forth herein. Compliance with this policy should prevent such disruption or infringement. Except as provided herein, persons who are not members of the UAH student body, faculty, or staff may only participate in these types of Events upon the invitation of a University affiliate who is actively participating in the Event.

The ideas of different members of a campus community will often and quite naturally conflict, but it is not the proper role of UAH to shield or attempt to shield individuals from ideas and opinions they find unwelcome, disagreeable, or even deeply offensive. Although great value is placed on civility, and while all members of the campus community share in the responsibility for maintaining a climate of mutual respect, concerns about civility and mutual respect can never be used to justify closing off the otherwise lawful discussion of ideas among members of the campus community, however offensive or disagreeable those ideas may be to some.

The freedom to debate and discuss the merits of competing ideas does not, of course, mean that individuals may say whatever they wish, wherever they wish. UAH may restrict expression or assembly that violates the law, falsely defames a specific individual, constitutes a genuine threat or harassment, unjustifiably invades substantial privacy or confidentiality interests, or that is otherwise incompatible with the functioning of the institution. Likewise, UAH has a significant interest in protecting the educational experience of its students, in ensuring health, safety, and order on its campus, in



regulating competing uses of its facilities and grounds, and in protecting the safety and wellbeing of those with the right to use its facilities and grounds to engage in protected speech, among other significant interests. As a result, UAH may reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of expression in a viewpoint-neutral manner to ensure that these interests are protected and that expression does not disrupt the ordinary activities of the institution. These are exceptions to the general principle of freedom of expression, and it is vitally important that these exceptions never be used in a manner that is inconsistent with an institution's commitment to a free and open discussion of ideas among its campus community.

**A multitude of venues and forums across campus are available for free expression if properly registered in advance of the Event. In addition to those opportunities for free expression through Event registration and reservation of campus space, Events providing for freedom of expression may also be promptly allowed in the following situations:**

1. Special Guidelines for Spontaneous Activities of Expression
  - a. It is the intent of this policy to ensure that all activities of expression on campus occur without threat to the health, safety, or security of persons or facilities or UAH's other significant interests through proper planning and scheduling. Occasionally, events occur that demand immediate public response, and it is not the intent of this policy to limit the rights of a University affiliate to respond to such events. To be clear, the areas designated herein are not "free speech zones." These areas are designed to further promote activities of expression. As provided for under this policy, there are numerous spaces identified across campus where faculty, staff, and students have the opportunity to exercise free expression.
  - b. Spontaneous activities of expression, which are generally prompted by news or affairs coming into public knowledge less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the spontaneous expression, may be held by University affiliates in the following defined areas, without advance approval, provided that the activity does not interfere with any functions for which that space has been reserved in advance, disrupt UAH's teaching and research mission, or otherwise violate this policy.
    - i. The amphitheater, identified as area 1 on the Campus Map.

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<sup>4</sup> See campus map, which also generally marks the noted areas.

- ii. The grassy area north of Holmes Avenue, south of the Salmon library, and west of the internal sidewalk, identified as area 2 on the Campus Map.
- iii. The grassy, triangular area between Holmes Avenue and John Wright Drive, identified as area 3 on the Campus Map.
- iv. The grassy area north of Holmes Avenue and west of John Wright Drive, identified as area 4 on the Campus Map.
- v. The grassy and treed areas within the Executive Plaza portion of campus identified as areas 5, 6 and 7 on the Campus Map.
- vi. The grassy area north of the University Fitness Center between the University Fitness Center and Holmes Avenue, identified as area 8 on the Campus Map.
- vii. The greenway rectangle area, south of the Charger Union, identified as area 9 on the Campus Map.
- viii. The grassy areas south of the Materials Science Building and north of John Wright Drive, identified as areas 10 and 11 on the Campus Map.
- ix. The grassy area south of Von Braun Research Hall and north of John Wright Drive, identified as area 12 on the Campus Map.
- x. The grassy area west of the Engineering Building and Von Braun Research Hall, and east of John Wright Drive, identified as area 13 on the Campus Map.
- xi. The grassy area west of Von Braun Research Hall and east of John Wright Drive, identified as area 14 on the Campus Map.
- xii. The grassy area south of Knowledge Drive between University Lake and John Wright Drive, identified as area 15 on the Campus Map.
- xiii. The grassy areas south of Technology Drive and east of Sparkman Drive, identified as areas 16 and 17 on the Campus Map.

- xiv. The grassy area south of Knowledge Drive between University Lake and Sparkman Drive, identified as area 18 on the Campus Map.
  - xv. The area north of Technology Drive between Sparkman Drive and University Lake, identified as area 19 on the Campus Map.
  - xvi. Perimeter sidewalks that border the UAH campus alongside Sparkman Drive and/or University Drive.
- c. For scheduling conflict, site preparation/clean-up, and security purposes, a notification should be sent to [outdoorrequest@uah.edu](mailto:outdoorrequest@uah.edu) promptly after the decision is made to hold the spontaneous activity of expression in any of the foregoing outdoor spaces.<sup>5</sup> The notice must identify the following:
- i. Contact information for the event organizer (e.g. name, cellphone number, e-mail, etc.);
  - ii. Which of the foregoing areas will be utilized;
  - iii. The time the activity is expected to begin and end;
  - iv. A general description of the reason for the activity; and
  - v. An estimate on the number of individuals expected to be involved in the Event.
- d. Spontaneous activities of expression may occur in other areas of campus in addition to the areas listed above, but an expedited request for use of other outdoor space must be made at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance pursuant to Paragraph C (*Reservation Process for Use of Outdoor Space and Approval of GUR Applications*). If properly requested, other outdoor space may be made available provided that

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<sup>5</sup> This notification may not be required in situations where the spontaneous activity must occur in one of the defined spaces with such immediacy that it is objectively impractical or unreasonable to provide any of the notification information referenced above in advance of the activity. On the rare occasions that this occurs, the individual or group organizing the event is expected to otherwise comply with this policy as well as any directives from law enforcement or other UAH representatives aimed at maintaining the safety and security of the activity, participants, and/or the campus community. Further, the organizing individual or group should provide the notification information as soon as reasonably practical once the activity is organized or underway.

the activity does not interfere with any functions for which that space has been reserved in advance or otherwise violate this policy.<sup>6</sup>

- e. It is inappropriate for events that have been planned to circumvent this policy by claiming to be spontaneous. In deciding whether an activity of expression is spontaneous or planned, UAH may consider any relevant evidence. If it is determined an effort was made to circumvent established policies, the individual(s)/group(s) involved may be subject to disciplinary action.
2. Special Guidelines for Material Distribution (e.g., distribution of leaflets, pamphlets, written materials, etc.)
    - a. University affiliates may distribute directly to other members of the campus community, without advance approval, non-commercial announcements, statements, or materials in any outdoor area of the campus, the use of which is not otherwise restricted or scheduled. In an effort to avoid space scheduling conflicts, assist with site preparation/clean-up, and promote the safety/security of all those involved with the distribution activity, UAH requests that a University affiliate organizing the distribution provide UAH with notice at least twenty-four (24) hours before the planned distribution. As stated above, UAH does not require advance approval, and it does not take the content or viewpoint of speech into account. Such notification should be sent to [outdoorrequest@uah.edu](mailto:outdoorrequest@uah.edu) and identify/include the following:
      - i. Contact information for the event organizer (e.g. name, cellphone number, e-mail, etc.);
      - ii. The date and time of the planned distribution period;
      - iii. The proposed locale of the distribution;
      - iv. A copy of the materials that will be distributed at the event; and
      - v. The anticipated duration of the distribution period; and

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<sup>6</sup> University affiliates may also elect to engage in expressive activity on the public property that is immediately off campus. Please review the campus map which provides a general understanding of the property lines for campus. Any individual or group engaging in expressive activity on public property is encouraged to review applicable Huntsville city ordinances before engaging in such activity.

vi. The anticipated number of people expected to take part in the distribution of materials (not to exceed 10).<sup>7</sup>

- b. Persons distributing such materials are expected to refrain from littering and to encourage the same from others. "Distribution" is defined as and limited to individuals handing materials to other individuals who may accept them or refrain from receiving them. An individual's right to privacy must be respected. Thus, no person may attempt to threaten, intimidate, or badger another individual into viewing or accepting a copy of any material. Further, no person may persist in requesting or demanding the attention of another individual who has attempted to walk away or has clearly expressed no interest in the material. For purposes of this section, leaving materials unattended on a surface to be picked up is considered littering, not distribution.
- c. Materials may not be distributed door to door in residence halls or academic buildings. Further, materials may not be affixed to the outside of UAH buildings/structures or placed on motor vehicles. Additionally, equipment, such as tables, tents, and chairs, may not be used as part of any distribution activity under this section.

#### G. Use of Sound Amplification

The use of sound amplification (e.g., electronic amplification, public address systems, etc.) may be available upon written request to [outdoorrequest@uah.edu](mailto:outdoorrequest@uah.edu) and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If approved, the use of sound amplification in conjunction with an Event must never disrupt the normal functions of UAH or unreasonably disturb the surrounding community. Sound amplification will generally be permitted upon request if the speaker/sound source volume is expected to be reasonably set and localized (i.e., cannot be heard beyond the immediate vicinity of the speaker/sound source). Different locations, such as those adjacent to academic/administrative buildings or residence halls, as well as the timing of the Event may dictate the reasonableness of the volume and speaker/sound source placement. The use of louder sound amplification may be permitted upon request depending on the specifics of the proposed Event (e.g., timing, location, event size, etc.). UAH representatives responsible for managing UAH space (or their designees), which includes UAHPD, maintain full discretion to require that the volume be lowered or muted at any

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<sup>7</sup> This participant restriction (Item 6) does not apply to material distribution occurring as part of spontaneous events held pursuant to Section G.1.

time during the Event if it has the potential to interfere with the academic mission or operation of UAH.

#### H. Posting Materials, Chalking, & Solicitation

Solicitations, advertisements, promotions, chalking, displays, yard signs or posting materials on UAH's campus by a University affiliate are permissible as provided herein. All other solicitations, promotions, advertisements, chalking, sales, displays, yard signs or postings on campus are prohibited.

1. Posting Printed Materials (e.g., advertisements, solicitations, information, etc.)
  - a. Printed materials may be reasonably posted on designated bulletin boards in accordance with these guidelines. Posting of printed materials in any other location inside campus buildings is prohibited.
  - b. Posted materials must not be obscene, illegal, libelous, or directed to and likely to have the effect of inciting or producing imminent lawless action.
  - c. Advertisers are responsible for the removal and proper disposal of all advertising materials within twenty-four (24) hours after the publicized event has occurred or the time limits or conditions of the advertisement have expired.
  - d. Signs placed in the ground with a stake or similar device ("yard signs") may not exceed 18" x 24" in size. Yard signs shall not be placed in flowering or non-flowering landscaping beds, tied to trees, or placed in the areas immediately around the Student Services Building. The total number of related yard signs allowed on campus per event may not exceed twenty (20). Yard signs may be reasonably displayed seventy-two (72) hours before an event and must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of the event. Signs must be dated. Exceptions to these yard sign limitations may be available with prior written approval from the Division of Student Affairs. Before placing a yard sign on campus, University affiliates should complete the temporary signage paperwork available on the [UAH website](#).
  - e. Printed materials may not be affixed to the outside of UAH buildings or structures, both permanent and temporary, including fences and barricades.

- f. Placement of printed materials on motor vehicles owned by UAH or third-parties is prohibited.
- g. Permission for display of printed materials or commercial advertisements in or around all UAH facilities must be approved by the appropriate building director, department, or Dean of the college or school responsible for the building. Permission decisions will be made on a viewpoint neutral basis.
- h. Posted materials that do not comply with this policy may be removed.

## 2. Chalking

- a. Only University affiliates are allowed to chalk within the guidelines provided herein.
- b. Chalking is only permitted on natural gray concrete sidewalks that are naturally subject to being washed by the rain.
- c. No chalking can occur on sidewalks or building entrances that are covered by a shelter of any type.
- d. No chalking can be closer than twenty (20) feet to a building. A building structure includes all porches, stairs, and drive-thrus attached thereto.
- e. No chalking is permitted on a vertical surface, including the riser portion of stairs and walls.
- f. Chalking is not permitted on any type of brick, concrete paver, and/or engraved surfaces.
- g. The type of chalk used must be washable and not capable of withstanding several rains. Spray chalk is strictly prohibited. Sidewalk chalk is recommended.
- h. Removal of chalk in prohibited areas will be handled by the unit responsible for the given area. Organizations may be contacted by said unit and asked to remove the chalking at their own expense.
- i. Please note that all units have the right to remove chalking for aesthetic and event purposes or if not in compliance with this policy.

- j. If any expense is incurred in the removal of chalk because of a violation of the above policies the organization may be held responsible for all expenses and/or subject to disciplinary action.

I. Violations of these Policy Guidelines

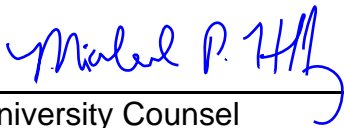
UAH reserves the right to enforce these guidelines by all reasonably necessary means to ensure compliance. Events that are or become non-compliant with these guidelines may be cancelled and/or dispersed. Persons who violate these guidelines may be subject to disciplinary action according to the Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, and/or Faculty Handbook as well as potential law enforcement action. Further, costs to clean up or repair damage associated with an Event may be assessed, as applicable, by charging the costs to a student account, a University account, payroll deduction, and/or any and all other methods allowed by law. Persons or groups that repeatedly violate these guidelines may be prohibited from further use of outdoor space. A University affiliate who invites a non-University individual or group onto campus for an Event may be held responsible for that individual or group's compliance with this and other UAH policies. A non-University participant's failure to comply with this policy may result in appropriate action under state or federal law.

**Review** Student Affairs will review this policy every five years or sooner as needed.

**Approval**

  
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Campus Designee

06/30/2020  
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