

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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LOYOLA CHICAGO

**THE DEMONSTRATION POLICY REVIEW RESOLUTION**

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**APPROVED**  
**17-0-1**

*to be filed by the Secretary*

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*Signed by the President of Student Government of Loyola Chicago*

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**Commented [DJ1]:** Insert "universal" between revised and demonstration policy

**Whereas,** there is currently a lack of representation of all members of the Loyola Community reflected in the Demonstration Policy of Loyola University Chicago, hereafter referred to as LUC, and

**Whereas,** the Demonstration Policy currently restricts the rights to free speech of demonstrators, and does not define the rights of staff, faculty, adjunct professors, and contracted workers, and

**Whereas,** the mission of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago, hereafter referred to as SGLC, states: "We commit wholeheartedly to voice the concerns of the student body, to act as an instrument for the cooperation of students, faculty, and administration," and this body finds it necessary to recommend a revision to the Demonstration Policy such that the concerns of each of these aforementioned communities are met, and

**Whereas,** the Preamble for the Speaker Policy of LUC states:

"The aim and purpose of a Loyola education is to produce graduates who are ethical leaders in solidarity with the real world, well versed in their own tradition, aware of their beliefs and values, and tested in both critical thinking and interfaith and intergroup cooperation. As such, discourse, discussion and debate are central to the university's role in education and research. But these occur communally and over time; their adequacy or impact cannot be measured by a single episode. Rational debate and controversy, the free exchange of divergent opinions, and the orderly expression of ideas are considered hallmarks of a university's intellectual vitality and social awareness. This search for truth requires a free and open dialogue to exchange ideas and opinions. It also includes the freedom to express differing points of view, with the assumption that this exchange of ideas will promote clarity, mutual understanding, the tempering of harsh and extreme positions, the softening of hardened positions and, ultimately, the attainment of truth. This can only occur if discourse is continuous and disciplined."

**Be it resolved,** the Demonstration Policy Review Committee, hereafter referred to as DPRC, recommends that the Administration of LUC create a new Demonstration Policy that accurately conveys the rights and responsibilities of all students, staff, faculty, adjunct professors, and contracted workers of the University who wish to demonstrate on campus, and

**Be it resolved,** the DPRC recommends that the University implements a Policy on Freedom of Expression as follows:

### **Policy on Freedom of Expression**

Scholarly discourse is paramount in establishing parity and tolerance in a pluralistic community and is indispensable to an institution of higher learning. Therein, all students and on-campus affiliates reserve the right to dissent from, or assent to ideas, positions, and opinions of divergent parties, including those of the University, insofar as this expression does not involve actual or threatened coercion or violence against a group or individual(s).

Furthermore, it is imperative that all students and community members be able to express opposing viewpoints, so as to engage in vigorous and continuous dialogue that is necessary for

the safeguarding of the freedom of inquiry and pursuit of truth. In order to promote a free exchange of ideas, multiple expressive activities that, without interfering with each other, can take place in the same space at the same time. For if certain truths are not robustly challenged, they become mere prejudice, and thereby deprived of all ethical and civil efficacy.

and

**Be it resolved,** the DPRC recommends that the University implements a Policy on Safety as follows:

**Policy on Safety**

Any exercise of free speech, as defined by the Policy on Freedom of Expression, shall be allowed except when participants:

1. Gather in such a fashion as to hinder entrances to, exits from, or passageways within any University building or other structure, or hinder the normal flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on or to the campus.
2. Congregate or assemble within any University building or on University property in such a fashion as to endanger members of the University community or violate the following rules:

No group may enter into a private office except when and by such manner is approved by the appropriate party. Passage through reception areas leading to a private office must not be obstructed.

Corridors, stairways, doorways, and building entrances may not be blocked or obstructed in violation of the regulations of the Chicago Fire Department or of the University. Clear and unimpeded passageways must be maintained at all times.

Buildings must be cleared at normal closing time for each building unless other arrangements are approved in advance.

3. Conduct themselves in a manner that endangers or threatens the physical safety of any member of the University community, or otherwise violates the LUC Community Standards.

and

**Be it resolved,** the DPRC recommends that the University implements a policy that permits freedom of speech and expression in all non-academic, public, and outdoor areas on campus as well as the Student Complex, and

**Be it resolved,** the DPRC recommends that the University permit the use of amplified sound in outdoor spaces only, as the use of amplified sound is crucial to communication both among the demonstrators as well as the surrounding population, and necessary to maintain the civility of large demonstrations, and

**Be it resolved,** the DPRC recommends that the University implements a policy requiring advance notification of demonstrations as follows:

### **Notification of Demonstrations**

A member of the LUC community must be designated as the Organizer/Liaison for the event. The Organizer/Liaison must notify the appropriate department of the proposed time, place, and manner, and if any major streets are to be crossed during the event. Primary notification must be delivered one business day in advance, with the exception of immediate response to current events. However, the Organizer/Liaison may make minor changes to the time, place, and manner event, and these changes must be communicated to the appropriate department. Additionally, the Organizer/Liaison assumes all responsibility for providing an accurate description of the event.

The Organizer/Liaison shall be responsible for ensuring that the demonstration is executed in accordance with the LUC Community Standards. The Organizer/Liaison shall act as the primary liaison with the appropriate department(s) during the demonstration. Every individual participating in the demonstration shall be subject to the standards of their respective community.

and

**Be it resolved,** the DPRC recommends that the University implements a system that works in conjunction with the 25Live system, where all students, staff, faculty, adjunct professors, and contracted workers are able to access information regarding the usage of all public free speech areas on campus, and

**Be it resolved,** the DPRC recommends that the University implements a policy that does not restrict when demonstrations take place or when fixed exhibits can be erected, protecting Loyola community members' rights to demonstrate during University sponsored events, and

**Be it resolved,** the DPRC recommends that the University consider the erection of a fixed exhibit to be a form of expression of free speech as otherwise specified within the LUC Community Standards. The Organizer/Liaison of such expression shall, in the case of a fixed exhibit, be responsible for the erection, maintenance, and removal of such fixed exhibit in a timely manner. A fixed exhibit shall not directly inhibit or interfere with the execution of another event, demonstration, or University operations, and

**Be it resolved,** the DPRC recommends that the University strike the clause, "*protecting the reputation and good name of the institution,*" per frequently voiced student concerns, and implement a policy that instead states the upholding of the Jesuit mission as a paramount concern to the University, and

**Be it resolved,** the DPRC encourages the University administration to consult with SGLC throughout the revision of the Demonstration Policy, as its members have the sole responsibility to represent all undergraduate students of LUC on this matter. Furthermore, if recommendations lead to the formation of new logistic solutions to address such concerns, we ask that the LUC community be consulted in this process, and

**Be it resolved,** the DPRC recommends that the University implements a policy that enumerates the rights and responsibilities of all students, staff, faculty, adjunct professors, and contracted workers in order to protect their freedom of expression, inquiry, and pursuit of truth.

*The recommendations provided have been inspired by a policy implemented at Fordham University, an urban, Jesuit University with similar values and mission to that of our own University.*

VOTE BY ROLL CALL

SENATOR KATHERINE ANDERSON	YEA
SENATOR MATTHAR BAYO	YEA
SENATOR JACOB DUMBAULD	YEA
SENATOR JACQUELINE FARQUHAR	YEA
SENATOR MICHAEL FLOWERS	YEA
SENATOR AMIE GANDHI	YEA
SENATOR PAOLA GUTIERREZ	YEA
SENATOR SABINA HANANI	YEA
SENATOR GEORGE HENRY	ABSENT
SENATOR NATALIA HORNIK	YEA
SENATOR MOHAMAD KASSIR	YEA
SENATOR MARY MAKARIOUS	ABSENT
SENATOR ANUSHA MANNAM	YEA
SENATOR MAX MIFSUD	YEA
SENATOR SHANIQUA MITCHELL	YEA
SENATOR KAROL NOWAK	YEA
SENATOR MEGHAN PAZIK	ABSTAIN
SENATOR KATHARINE PHILBRICK	ABSENT
SENATOR NARIMAN SHEHAIBER	YEA
SENATOR JACE SHEU	YEA
SENATOR JACOB WILD	YEA

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TOTAL IN FAVOR	17
TOTAL IN OPPOSITION	0
TOTAL ABSTAINING	1
TOTAL ABSENT	3

**APPROVED** BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE OF THE SENATE (MEMBERS PRESENT)