

## DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES

The Division of Student Services provides services and support for students at all campuses and sites, assuring a wide range of opportunities for a diverse student population. Students, who come to Troy University with hopes and high expectations, face choices and challenges which can be channeled into positive directions or which can prove to be overwhelming. The Student Services staff believes that educators both within and outside the classroom can make a positive difference in the lives of students. Education of the whole person, which is the purpose of the programs and services offered, helps students meet their expectations and expand understanding of themselves and their world. Staff members may guide many students' experiences but the student is ultimately responsible for personal choices and decisions. As educators, the staff strives to assure that those choices are sound and the decisions are well-reasoned. When things go well for students, staff builds on that experience, first providing recognition and acclaim and then challenging them to seek new experiences. In times of disappointment, staff members provide support and then gentle prodding to move past the disappointment.

The Student Services staff is also responsible for operating facilities, running businesses, supporting programs, and providing cost-effective services to meet the needs of our students. As good stewards of the resources at Troy, the staff strives to respond to changing interests and remain student centered in all we do.

Through Student Services, Troy University seeks to prepare

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and smoking cessation.

**Implementation Authority**

Authority for enforcement of this policy is vested in the Deans of Colleges, Department Chairs, Supervisors or the Dean of Students and Athletic Director or their designee, in conjunction with the Senior Director of Human Resources.

**Compliance**

Violation of this policy may result in corrective action under the Student Code of Conduct, Human Resources Policies and Procedures or other applicable University Regulations or Policies. Visitors refusing to comply may be asked to leave campus.

**COMMITMENT TO FREE EXPRESSION**

Students at public universities enjoy robust speech rights under the Constitution in order to contribute to the marketplace of ideas, learn from each other, and freely discuss and debate a wide range of issues. Troy University is committed to protecting the freedom of speech for students, faculty, and staff, and will not infringe on speech that may be considered to be an unpopular or inconvenient expression of ideas.

**CAMPUS FREE SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY POLICY**

*Adopted by the Troy University Board of Trustees on August 26, 2020*

**I. Background**

Alabama State Legislature Act 2019-396 enacted in June 2019 mandated certain free speech and assembly actions applicable to state universities and concurrent with other state and Constitutional freedoms. Complying with provisions of this new law, Troy University fully supports a campus environment that promotes, protects and upholds intellectual freedom of expression contributing to the marketplace of ideas to include those expressions that some may consider unwelcome, unpopular or disagreeable.

**II. Policy Statement**

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for use of campus grounds for expressive activity are denied may appeal the decision to the Dean of Students no later than two business days after the decision that is being challenged was made. The appeal must be made in writing and state the specific reason(s) the individual or organization disagrees with the decision. The appeal should include all information the individual or organization believes will assist the Dean of Students to decide the matter. The Dean of Students will issue a decision on the appeal within three business days of its receipt. The decision is final.

**V. Sanctions**

Anyone under the jurisdiction of the Dean of Students who is found to be in violation of the Student Code of Conduct shall be subject to the following sanctions: