

Policy GA-PA-PO10

Responding to Speech, Expression and Assembly

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I. Section 11-1101 General Rule on Responding

University persons and organizations may respond to the speech, expression or assembly of others, subject to all the rules in this chapter.

II. Section 11-1102 Applications of Section 11-1101

- A. Responders may not damage or deface signs or exhibits, disrupt public assemblies, block the view of participants or prevent speakers from being heard.
- B. Means of response that are permitted in many locations and without advance permission or reservation, such as signs, tables, distribution of literature and public assembly without amplified sound may be used immediately and in any location authorized in this policy.
- C. Means of response that require advance permission or reservation, such as banners, A-frames, exhibits and amplified sound may be used as soon as the needed permission or reservation may be arranged. Banner space and some amplified sound areas may be unavailable on short notice because of earlier reservations, but the O.S.G.O. shall expedite approval of A-frames and available banner space and amplified sound areas where necessary to permit appropriate response to other speech, assembly or expression.
- D. Means of response that are confined to authorized locations, such as banners and amplified sound, may be used only in those locations. It is not possible to respond to amplified sound with amplified sound in the same location; similarly if an exhibit or public assembly is in a location where amplified sound is not permitted, it is not possible to respond with amplified sound in that location. In either case, it is possible to respond with amplified sound in another location and to use signs or distribution of literature to advertise the response at the other location, so long as applicable university and System rules are followed.