

This regulation is currently under review as a result of the passage of Fla. Stat. s. 1004.097, the Campus Free Expression Act. Any portions of the regulation which are in conflict with this new law are superseded by the statute and no longer in effect. Please check back here for updates as they become available.

UPDATE: Following a detailed review of the statute and the regulation, it is determined that the following provision(s) of University Regulation UCF-4.0294 are superseded by Fla. Stat. 1004.097 and, therefore, no longer in force or effect:

- Paragraph (4), first and second sentences only*
- Paragraph (9), to the extent it is or may be interpreted to apply to “expressive activities” as outlined in Fla. Stat. s. 1004.097(3)(a)*
- Paragraph (10), but only to the extent that it includes or applies to “outdoor areas of campus” as that term is defined in Fla. Stat. s. 1004.097(2)(d)*

All other provisions of the regulation remain in full force and effect and will be enforced by the University. Please continue to refer back to the UCF Regulations webpage for information regarding amendments to University Regulations - <http://regulations.ucf.edu/>.

UCF-4.0294 Use of University Facilities; General Requirements.

(1) University facilities are reserved and used primarily for the official and regular conduct of the University’s business by the University and its authorized agents.

(2) University organizations and University-related organizations may request non-commercial use of University buildings, and particular facilities may be assigned in response to such requests on a noninterference basis and subject to the requirements of the University. Use of University grounds, including reserving grounds for use, is governed by University Regulation UCF-4.0293. Commercial use of University facilities is governed by University Regulation UCF-4.010, University policies and procedures, and procedures of the specific facilities in which space may be reserved for commercial purposes.

(3) No outside food service shall be permitted on or in University facilities during, or in conjunction with, any meeting, event or function without the specific approval of the University.

(4) The general public shall be deemed to have physical access to all walkways, streets, libraries, book stores, and parking lots on the campus solely for the purposes of conducting legitimate business with the University and participating in University-related activities that are open to the public. The campus is not a public forum. Unless invited by someone with authority to do so, the general public shall not have access to lecture halls, classroom buildings, classrooms, laboratories, studios, residential facilities, research areas, administrative buildings, faculty or staff offices, or other buildings and areas reserved for University housing, teaching, research, administration, recreation, creative activity, or athletic activity.

(5) University facilities shall not be used for any purpose that will impair or interfere with the orderly processes and functions of the University, or that pose an unreasonable and immediate threat to the safety of University students and personnel or property, or are otherwise contrary to law. For purposes of determining interference and disruption, University officials will look to the standards of University Regulation UCF-4.0293.

(6) University athletic and recreational facilities may be scheduled for recreation purposes provided such use is authorized by the athletics association or department controlling the athletic or recreational facility in question.

(7) Facilities must be returned to their original condition following use by any person or organization. Users will be billed for the costs of cleanup that they do not adequately complete themselves.

(8) Displays, whether as part of an event or not, must adhere to the following guidelines:

(a) Outdoor displays are allowed only in conjunction with an event or program.

(b) Displays must be self-supporting and are restricted to a size of eight feet by four feet. Screens for projection purposes may be larger.

(c) Displays must be assembled and disassembled each day.

(d) Displays must be staffed at all times by the person or organization sponsoring the display.

(e) There is a five-day maximum on displays.

(f) The same display cannot be sponsored by the same or different organizations successively merely to extend the five-day maximum.

(g) The size and construction of any display must be reviewed and approved by a University building code official or safety officer. A sketch drawing of the display indicating the size and construction materials must be submitted with the SAFE Form.

(9) All events and activities using University facilities must comply with the following requirements:

(a) Events may last no more than five days in succession. The same or different organizations may not sponsor the same event in succession in order to extend this maximum limitation.

(b) No organization may reserve or use University facilities and then permit the facilities to be used by any other person or organization. Reservations are made in the name of a specific organization, which must be present and actively utilizing the space so reserved.

(c) Events generally are limited to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight Friday and Saturday. Events outside of these hours must be specifically approved by the University at least fifteen calendar days in advance, so that the University can make custodial and security arrangements.

(d) Sound amplification, including bullhorns, is not permitted, except as specifically authorized by the official in charge of the specific location where sound amplification is proposed to be used.

(e) Any damage to University or personal property in the course of use of University facilities is prohibited. Care should be taken to ensure that University and personal property is not damaged or destroyed. This includes campus lawns, shrubs and trees. The University will charge the users of University facilities for necessary repairs or replacement.

(10) Non-University organizations must apply to schedule use of University facilities in advance and may be charged for such use, except that use of the designated outdoor facilities listed in University Regulation UCF-4.0293 is governed by that regulation.

(11) All potentially hazardous events, regardless of who is the sponsor, must follow the requirements (including insurance requirements) of Regulation UCF-4.0292.

(12) Use of University facilities may be subject to usage fees and/or service charges as determined by the authority or official controlling the facility to defray the costs of allowing use of the facilities. These charges may vary depending on whether the person or organization is University, University-related, or non-University, as those terms are defined in University Regulation UCF-4.029.

(13) A limited number of facilities on campus - such as the Student Union, the Live Oak Event Center, the Fairwinds Alumni Center, and most outdoor recreation facilities – are available for rental by the general public at rates set by the facility and on a space-available basis. Rental of these facilities may be for personal purposes (such as a reception) or commercial purposes (such as a test preparation service), subject to the policies and procedures of the University and the procedures of the specific facility.

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