

# **ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY**

## **PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY/PROTEST GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS**

Our *Student Handbook* states that each student, as a citizen, has the right of petition, freedom of speech, and peaceful assembly, except where such rights conflict with the good of the community.

When exercising these freedoms within those conditions, please remember that our *Student Handbook* also states that each student is expected to act in ways that fulfill the Student Code of Citizenship, which requires each student

- to be honest
- to respect the rights of all people, property, and the environment
- to treat others with kindness and empathy; to act in a civil manner in all settings
- to read, know, and comply with all published University policies, procedures, rules, and regulations (including but not limited to the one that appears below)

### **Disruptive Behavior**

Disruptive behavior includes any action that disrupts a peaceful environment. When students enter the University community, they take upon themselves certain responsibilities and obligations, including satisfactory academic performance and social behavior consistent with the lawful purpose of the University. Student conduct, therefore, is not considered in isolation within the University community, but as an integral part of the educational process. Disruptive conduct includes, but is not limited to assault, misconduct, threats to personal safety, harassment, “bullying”, fighting, making excessive noise, and any other type of disruption or conduct that interferes with the rights and opportunities of those who attend the University for the purposes for which the University exists. Additionally, speech or behavior that materially and substantially disrupts the University living environment will not be tolerated.

- to cooperate with the requests of University officials as they fulfill their duties
- to comply with all federal, state, and local laws.

Please ensure, then, that your assembly or protest meets those criteria. Failure to comply may result in Community Standards action. For further discussion about how to do so or to address directly with the University administration the concern that underlies your assembly or protest, please contact Dr. Joseph J. Cicala, Vice President for University Life and Dean of Students (610.796.8211, [joe.cicala@alvernia.edu](mailto:joe.cicala@alvernia.edu)).

Permission to engage in peaceful assembly or protest at a university location does not imply acceptance of or endorsement by the university of the views expressed.