

## Compliance Alerts!

### First Amendment and Free Speech

The University embraces the free speech and free expression rights of the members of the campus community and balances those rights with protection against unlawful activity. Faculty, staff, and students share the responsibility for maintaining an environment in which the rights of each member of the academic community are respected.

#### Policy on Free Speech and Free Expression:

In compliance with the [UNC System Policy on Free Speech and Free Expression](#), Fayetteville State University affirms its long-standing commitment to free speech and free expression for its students, faculty members, staff employees, and visitors under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article 1, Section 14 of the North Carolina Constitution. The University protects and promotes these freedoms, consistent with the First Amendment.

#### Institutional Policies:

Students, faculty, staff, and the FSU community can access detailed information about Fayetteville State University's commitment to upholding free speech and expression at the [Freedom of Speech at Fayetteville State University](#) website. This resource provides information on how FSU works to create and sustain an environment where freedom of speech and expression are both supported and honored. [University Policies Related to Free Speech.](#)

#### Free Speech Officers:

Fayetteville State University has designated Wanda Jenkins, General Counsel; Benita Powell, Deputy General Counsel; Joseph Bates, Legal Associate; and Lisa Wallace, Student Conduct Director, as the officials responsible for ensuring compliance with institutional policies governing freedom of speech and expression. If you have any questions about FSU's free speech policies, please feel free to contact any of the individuals listed above.

#### Free Speech Zones:

While the University reserves the right to control time, place, and manner in which its space is used, the University permits individuals or groups to engage in public speaking, peaceful assembly, or similar exchanges of ideas at its Free Speech Zones. The Free Speech Zones are located in the following areas:

- the front of the Rudolph Jones Student Center on the brick walkways and other surrounding hard space located outside and encircling the Student Center, and
- the atrium area located on the side of the Rudolph Jones Student Center.

These areas are available on a first-come first-serve basis for non-commercial speech or public assembly unless otherwise scheduled. Information pertaining to reserving these spaces can be found in the University's [Use of Space](#) policy.

To keep the community informed, all **Compliance Alerts!** are maintained on the University's **Compliance and Enterprise Risk Management webpage.**  
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