Statement on Freedom of Expression

Southeast Missouri State University is committed to creating a learning environment that facilitates an open exchange of ideas and respects the rights of students, faculty and staff. While the University encourages free speech and other forms of expression, it is also required in certain situations to restrict time, place, and manner of expression to protect the rights of all members of the University community and to serve its educational mission.

Public Expression

Four free speech areas are designated on the University campus to provide unregulated free expression for students and other demonstrators (For these purposes, "demonstrators" means any person who is participating in legally protected expression). These areas are on the terraces outside Academic Hall, the University Center patio(s), outside Scully (to the south) and in the Johnson/Rhodes/Magill quadrangle. Demonstrators may not impede the flow of pedestrian or automobile traffic, nor use amplification devices that disturb the peace. Non-student demonstrators shall limit their activities to these public places, unless they are sponsored and accompanied by a registered student organization or University department. For public safety reasons, the University requests that demonstrators notify the Department of Public Safety and/or the Dean of Students of their intentions. Legally prohibited forms of expression (e.g. obscenity, fighting words, harassment, littering, vandalism, verbal assault, and disturbance of the peace) are not permitted in these or other areas on campus. Offenders will be charged accordingly within the University's Judicial system and/or the broader criminal justice system. Students are encouraged to exercise their rights of Freedom of Expression as part of their educational experience at Southeast. In places outside of free speech areas, however, students must use greater discretion to insure that they do not create a hostile learning/working environment or otherwise impede the mission of the University. The Campus Life & Event Services staff will (without regard to content) advise and assist students in planning safe and effective demonstrations that do not interfere with the rights of others in the University Community.

Public Information Boards

Public information boards are available for any individual or organization who is or is not affiliated with the University.

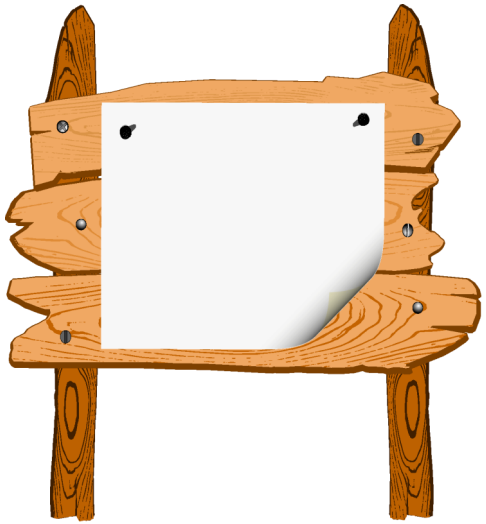
Brandt
- Second floor near entrance

Kent
- First floor across from elevator

Serena
- Second floor near elevator

Scully
- Second floor across from room 238

University Center
- First floor west entrance near elevator



University Public Expression And Posting Procedures

To Post or NOT to Post? That is the question.

Campus Life & Event Services
Southeast Missouri State University
University Center, Room 202
One University Plaza, MS 1200
Cape Girardeau MO 63701
(573) 651-2280
(573) 651-2893 fax
www4.semo.edu/uc

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Where MAY I Post ?

University Information Boards are reserved for University departments or student organizations **ONLY**. Postings on these boards must include:

1. Name of the sponsoring department/organization
2. Contact information
3. Expiration date (or date of the final event)

All postings will be removed that:

- Do not have an expiration date or for which the expiration date has passed.
- Were not created by a member of a University department or recognized student organization.
- Advertise an event which violates University policy (e.g. alcohol on campus).
- At the end of each semester, all University Information Boards will be cleared.

Where may I NOT Post ?

NO posters, signs or other articles shall be pasted, nailed, taped, stapled or otherwise attached to any part of glass, wood or painted walls/door frames of University buildings, light posts, telephone poles, trees, trash receptacles, or automobile windshields. ***Posting may only occur on bulletin boards provided throughout campus.***

Chalking

Chalking is permitted on campus. However, the only permissible places to chalk are on horizontal, uncovered sidewalks and walkways.

Chalking is NOT permitted on any vertical surfaces (including stairs) or any surface that is under overhangs or entryways of buildings. If it doesn't wash off with the rain, don't chalk there.

University Information Boards

Art Building
- Inside each of the main entrances
- First floor, Memorial Hall side entrance, near vending machines

Brandt
- First floor across from room 108
- Second floor near room 201/205 (2)

Carnahan
- Inside student lounge, room 106, near door 106A
- Across from room 111
- Outside room 206

Crisp
- First floor, near Campus Health Clinic entrance
- First floor, near room 128, across from vending machines
- First floor across from room 130

Dempster
- First floor north stairwell
- First floor south stairwell

Grauel
- First floor north stairwell near vending machines
- First floor south stairwell
- Second floor across from Comm. Disorders Office

Johnson
- First floor near women's bathroom
- First floor, Polytech side entrance
- Second floor across from room 200

Library
- Third floor near elevator
- Fourth floor near elevator

Memorial
- Inside south main entrance

Merick Hall
- First floor to left of the front desk leading into residential rooms

Parker
- First floor near Copy Center

University Information Boards

North Recreation Center
- Inside main entrance foyer

Residence Halls
- Please contact Residence Life, (573) 651-2274, Towers First Floor, for information on posting in the residence halls. You typically need 110 copies.

Rhodes
- First floor in breezeway
- First floor north end near Johnson
- Second floor main entrance

River Campus
- Seminary Building: four boards-one on each stairwell landing
- Cultural Arts Center: one board near the box office

Scully
- First floor near entrance
- Fourth floor across from student lounge

Seabaugh Polytechnic
- First floor east entrance
- First floor across from student lounge
- Second floor between rooms 204/205

Serena
- Second floor near middle entrance facing Academic Hall
- Second floor across from elevator

Towers Complex
- First floor near main entrance
- Second floor walkway between the cafeteria and Towers North & Towers West

University Center
- First floor near Bookstore entrance