

**Policy Number/Title:** 5.2.2 Assembly Policy  
**Effective Since:** 06/24/2024  
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**Responsible Office:** Student Affairs

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### 1. Scope:

Internal and external

### 2. Definitions:

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### 3. Policy:

Winthrop University acknowledges the right of enrolled individual students, as well as University affiliated clubs, organizations, and departments to assemble in groups on the University campus for rallies, demonstrations, and gatherings, and has, therefore, designated areas on campus for the above-mentioned groups and individuals to peacefully assemble and conduct business. Assemblies without prior written approval are permitted in the following locations on campus:

- Campus Green B (grassy area closest to the Amphitheatre)
- The Amphitheatre
- Front Lawn by Eagle Statue
- Winthrop Fountain Plaza (Across the road from Tillman Hall)
- Winthrop Coliseum – Grassy Area in Front of Main Entrance (At least 50 feet from any door)

All such assemblies may be conducted with sound amplification equipment if instructional and other university activities are not impeded, including entrance into any university buildings or the free flow of pedestrian and/or vehicle traffic. Please notify the Dean of Students office (803.323.4503) or deanofstudents@winthrop.edu so that we can ensure there are no major conflicts for your assembly.

Any University affiliated group desiring assembly space in any campus building or open areas other than the above-mentioned spaces or needing sound equipment, tables, or other logistical support must submit a request through the campus event request system (Coursedog).



## **External Groups**

As a public, state institution, Winthrop University also acknowledges the right of individuals and groups who are not affiliated with the University to peacefully assemble on campus. These individuals and groups may assemble in the locations listed above, but **MUST** notify the Dean of Students (803.323.4503) at least two days prior to assembling. Any and all sound equipment used must be cleared through the University.

## **Expectations**

No part of this Assembly Policy should be interpreted to restrict one's rights to assemble, based on the content or the subject matter presented. However, at such gatherings, Winthrop University expects the rights and privileges of all persons to be respected and that there will be no endangerments to health or public safety. In addition, such gatherings and assemblies must in **NO** way disrupt the function of the University or endanger University property. Consistent with the U.S. Constitution, Winthrop University reserves the right to regulate the time, place, and manner in which persons exercise their free speech rights to the extent necessary to assure the safety of the campus community and the orderly operations of the institution.

## **4. Procedures:**

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## **5. Resources:**

Space reservations:

<http://www2.winthrop.edu/spacereservations/>

## **6. History of Revisions:**

06/30/2024	Minor Revisions
01/01/2016	Policy first established