

September 11, 2008

Mr. William Creeley
Foundation for Individual Rights in Education
601 Walnut Street, Suite 510
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear Mr. Creeley,

Attached you will find Valdosta State University's **General Public Forum Venue** policy. The policy replaces the **Free Expression Area** policy that was the focus of your early correspondence. The new policy is consistent with Valdosta's support of free expression and highlights diverse venues and contexts for free speech.

We appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,



Patrick Schloss, President

General Public Forum Venue

Valdosta State University embraces the value of free speech and provides numerous opportunities for free speech. Examples of free speech opportunities include, but are not limited to uncensored: plays, lectures, entertainment, classroom discussions, concerts, art exhibitions and student sponsored programs and activities, which take place at various venues including classrooms, auditoria, and the campus green. Individuals may wish to engage in public discussion or debate outside of these activities. Valdosta State University provides a public forum venue for this purpose. Valdosta State University reserves the right to regulate the time, manner and place of public activities on its campus in accordance with the law. The primary Public Forum Venue is the stage on the Palms Quadrangle on main campus, which is located next to the primary student dining facility and several student residence halls. Valdosta State may designate an alternative area(s) to accommodate large crowds or other special needs.

To avoid conflicts in scheduling, reservation requests for the Public Forum Venue are made through the Dean of Students Office, in consultation with the Event Services Office. A two day notice is required for requesting this space. Areas will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.


Provisions for use of Public Forum Venue

1. There shall be no interference with the free flow of traffic nor the ingress and egress to buildings on campus.

2. There shall be no interruption of the orderly conduct of University classes or other University activities.

3. No commercial solicitations, campus sales, or fund-raising activities shall be undertaken that are not sponsored by authorized students or the University

4. The person who makes the reservation shall be responsible for seeing that the area is left clean and in good order.



Patrick J. Schloss, VSU President

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Date