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## 6.2 PROTESTS + DISRUPTIONS ON CAMPUS

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### ENABLING LEGISLATION + LINKED POLICIES

#### *Laws of General Application*

### OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to establish the rights and responsibilities associated with protests and campus disruptions.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the Emily Carr University of Art + Design (University) community, including students and employees, as well as guests and visitors where there is a material disruption of, or interference with, instructional activities, other University business and campus events.

### POLICY

The University recognizes the rights of members of the University community to freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, and freedom of artistic expression. The University believes in fostering discourse and the free exchange of ideas. However, as a matter of law and policy, these rights and interests are restricted, and must be exercised in a manner consistent with the University mission and operational guidelines and by observing the rights of other members of the University community.

### GUIDELINES

The Office of the President issues the following guidelines for responding to demonstrations on University property. These guidelines must be interpreted on an individual basis, depending on the circumstances of the event. Please contact the President's office for interpretation or guidance for these guidelines.

1. The University shall hold demonstrators accountable for improper actions that violate University policies, procedures and guidelines.

Such improper actions include but are not limited to:

- Material disruption of, or interference with, instructional activities, other University business and campus events;
- Actual or implied threats of physical violence, or other forms of harassment, or destruction of University, other public or private property;

- Interference with free entry to or exit from University facilities and free movement by individuals; and
  - Interference with the rights of other members of the University community to freedom of speech and assembly, and their rights.
2. Demonstrations are limited to appropriate public forums that **do not** include, among other locations, faculty and administrative offices, classrooms and other instructional facilities. Public forums are locations that by tradition are available for public assembly and speech – such as the Concourse Gallery or South Building atrium where students have traditionally gathered to debate issues. To the extent that a public forum exists within the buildings, any demonstrations within that forum shall take place only during the building’s normal operating hours.
    - Fire exits must not be blocked.
    - The roadway between the North and South buildings and certain surrounding areas outside of the buildings make up the property of Granville Island and are therefore under the jurisdiction of Granville Island Trust Co.
  3. Where appropriate, the University shall endeavor to maintain open lines of communication with demonstrators and to provide opportunities for discussion of matters in dispute so long as the demonstrators act consistent with University policy and the rights of others. However, as a general rule the University shall not negotiate with individuals who occupy any University facility, or with associated demonstrators, while any such occupation continues, and shall never negotiate within an occupied facility.
  4. These guidelines are intended to support, not supplant, existing University policy. They apply to all members of the University community, including students and employees, as well as guests and visitors. The guidelines should be implemented as consistently as possible, recognizing that special circumstances may on rare occasion require limited and judicious deviation from these guidelines.