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Campus Demonstrations Policy

Carthage College promotes a safe and inclusive campus environment where diverse perspectives can be expressed and debated. This policy provides guidelines regarding peaceful demonstrations on campus:

- Carthage College respects the right of students, faculty, and staff to engage in peaceful protests, demonstrations, and other forms of expression.
- The right to assemble on campus is limited to members of the campus community who have been issued current Carthage College identification.
- Demonstrations should follow all Wisconsin statutes, City of Kenosha ordinances, and campus policies.
- Hate speech, vandalism, harassment, or behavior that threatens others will not be tolerated.
- Demonstrations should not disrupt academic activities, meetings, other events, normal operations, or the rights of others.
- To ensure safety, organizers must notify the Carthage College Office of Public Safety in advance and a college official must be present during the demonstration.
- Public Safety and local law enforcement may assist in facilitating campus safety.
- For the safety of our campus community, Carthage prohibits demonstrations from occupying external campus grounds ("camping") between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. or occupying campus buildings after the building's operational hours. Individuals who violate this policy will be asked to disperse and may be subject to discipline consistent with the Carthage code of conduct.
- Demonstrations may not obstruct access to buildings or facilities or otherwise interfere with the free flow of vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic. The right of way on streets and sidewalks must be maintained.
- Groups may not enter a private office or space unless invited by the college-designated occupant.
- After any demonstration, organizers must restore the grounds/area to its original condition, including proper disposal of garbage. Any property damage should be reported to the Office of Public Safety immediately. Fees for cleaning, repairs, and replacement of property due to demonstration-related activities will be charged to the responsible organization or individuals.
- Failure to follow the Campus Demonstrations Policy and/or conclude a demonstration, if directed to do so by campus officials, will result in disciplinary action that aligns with student conduct rules and policies and may jeopardize the participant's status as a student or employee.

Link to Political Policy

Institutional Policy Effective August 27, 2024