



Policy on Overnight Assembly

Because of the special dangers associated with overnight outdoor assembly on FSU property, the following shall apply, *in addition to*, the provisions set forth in the Free Speech and Assembly Policy.

- I. Students, faculty or staff who wish to use an outdoor area as temporary overnight assembly space must coordinate their activities with FSU to protect the safety and security of those participating. Event organizers must contact the FSU Office of Student Engagement in the Lane Center 213, 301.687.4411, at least three (3) business day prior to the planned event to complete a reservation request. No overnight assembly may occur until FSU approves the space.
- II. FSU Staff will coordinate with Facilities, FSU Police, and other offices as necessary to determine an appropriate site. Due to safety and operational concerns, areas under construction or near construction sites, in locations where assembly is likely to disrupt normal FSU activities, or close to public streets or public access cannot be used for outdoor overnight assembly.
- III. The Overnight Assembly area is designated as the yard area adjacent to the Clock Tower and the rear of Pullen Hall.
- IV. In order to protect the safety and free speech rights of those who wish to remain overnight as part of a protest or assembly, while at the same time allowing the campus community to continue safe operations, the following conditions, in addition to those set forth in all sections of this policy, must be met:
 - A. Persons staying overnight must be current FSU students, faculty or staff and must have a valid FSU ID with them at all times. Any individual without a valid FSU ID may be escorted from campus.
 - B. No permanent structures are allowed.
 - C. Electrical outlets may not be used.
 - D. No person may use open flames, campfires, grills, liquid fuels, generators or gaseous fuels.
 - E. There is no cooking permitted.
 - F. No motorized vehicles (cars, mopeds, scooters, motorcycles, etc.) are permitted in the assembly area. Vehicles must be parked in compliance with FSU parking policy.
 - G. There is no smoking in the assembly area as per FSU policy.
 - H. If sanitation becomes a concern, FSU will require installation of portable sanitary facilities. Should such a determination be made by FSU, FSU will contract for the facilities and those persons conducting the outdoor, overnight assembly must pay for all costs incurred by the use of such facilities. Prior to contracting for such services, the University will notify those persons conducting the outdoor, overnight assembly that such cost will be assessed and the group shall have the option to disperse rather than have FSU contract for such services.
 - I. FSU is not responsible for participants' personal belongings.

Conduct in violation of FSU policies, local or state law, or federal law, will not be tolerated and may result in arrest and/or student conduct discipline.

- V. There must be an identified representative or small (no more than 3) group of representatives available 24/7 to communicate with FSU Police and FSU staff in the event of a problem, concern, or emergency. The representative or small group should identify themselves to FSU personnel when asked or at any time if there is an emergency.
- VI. Subject to compliance with the conditions set forth in this Policy, FSU will approve overnight assembly for an initial period of up to three (3) days, with an expectation that members/leaders/representatives from the assembly group will participate in an ongoing discussion with FSU officials about safety and any other actual or potential concerns or problems associated with the overnight outdoor assembly. Subjects for ongoing consideration and discussion include the following:
 - A. Safety concerns
 - B. Sanitation issues
 - C. Requests from the assembly group
 - D. University needs, which may include:
 - i. Other scheduled events
 - ii. Changes to meet safety needs/concerns
 - iii. Concerns about sanitation, communicable disease, or other health-related issues
- VII. When the initial time period expires, and if no extension has been granted, the participants shall vacate the designated area and remove all personal belongings and trash. If members/leaders/representatives of the assembly group wish to extend the overnight assembly beyond the initial time period, they shall meet with the Vice President of Student Affairs, or designee, to discuss extensions, if any, to be granted by the University and if so, what conditions and time limitations shall apply.
- VIII. Any variation from these Overnight Assembly provisions must be approved by the Vice President of Student Affairs. Any violation of these Overnight Assembly provisions, or any actual or threatened behavior that constitutes a threat to the safety of any person or University property, at the discretion of University officials or Police, shall constitute grounds for the immediate closure of any overnight outdoor assembly or modification of the conditions under which it operates.