



# **Council of the Princeton University Community**

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# Free Expression on Campus



## Goals

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- To protect the well-being and rights of all University members and visitors.
- To create protocols that ensure the safety of the community while encouraging and supporting free expression.
- To communicate best practices when planning an event that some—and maybe many—might find controversial.
- To identify for the community the resources available to assist with making programs—even controversial programs—successful.

*The central purposes of a university are the pursuit of truth, the discovery of new knowledge through scholarship and research, the teaching and general development of students, and the transmission of knowledge and learning to society at large. Free inquiry and free expression within the academic community are indispensable to the achievement of these goals.*

– RRR 1.1.1 – Introduction



## What if...

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- You invited a speaker and you realize that a group is planning to protest at the event. What do you do?
- You invited a speaker and learned there was a protest when they were recently giving a talk at another college campus. What do you do?
- You invited a speaker and you learn that the speaker has been quoted in a recent news article making discriminatory remarks about a group. What do you do?

*University has a solemn responsibility to both promote free expression and protect that right when others attempt to restrict it.*

*– RRR 1.1.3 – Adopted by the Faculty on April 6, 2015*



## **What to do**

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**Due diligence**

**Reach out to ODUS**

**Offer an opening statement**

**Stay the course**

**Lead**

**Lean on campus resources**



## Respect for Others

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### **Free Speech and Inclusivity**

*As an intellectual community, the University attaches great value to freedom of expression and vigorous debate, but it also attaches great importance to mutual respect, and it deplors expressions of hatred directed against any individual or group. The University seeks to promote the full inclusion of all members and groups in every aspect of University life.*

– RRR 1.2.1



## Discussion

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**Questions, Comments, Remarks**

[odus.princeton.edu/protests](https://odus.princeton.edu/protests)