

14.0 STATEMENT CONCERNING CONDUCT, RESPONSIBILITY, AND DUE PROCESS

The rules and procedures provided below have been promulgated by members of the Ramapo College community in the interest of maintaining order on campus and guaranteeing the broadest range of freedom to each member of the community. These rules reasonably limit some activities and proscribe certain behavior, which is harmful to the orderly operation of the institution and the pursuit of its goals. Each member of the community shares a common interest in personally upholding these rules and regulations and participating in their enforcement.

1. General Application of Rules

The rules included herein shall govern the conduct of students, faculty, other staff, vendors, invited guests, and all other persons, whether or not their presence is authorized, upon the Ramapo College campus and also upon or with respect to any other premises or property, under the control of Ramapo College, used in its teaching or research, or for administrative, service, cultural, recreational, athletic, and other programs and activities.

2. Freedom of Speech and Assembly

No student, faculty, or staff member or visitor on campus shall be subject to any limitation or penalty for the expression of their views or for having assembled with others for such purpose. Peaceful picketing and orderly demonstrations in public areas of ground and building will not be interfered with. Those involved in picketing and demonstrations may not, however, engage in conduct in violation of the provisions of the following sections. The College has an obligation to apply its rules equally to all persons. This does not mean that the College cannot prosecute some offenders because other offenders have not been identified.

3. Proscribed Conduct

No person, either singly or in concert with others, shall:

- a. employ force or violence or the threat of force or violence against persons or property – public or private including social media;
- b. use or possess weapons or any material dangerous or detrimental to public safety;
- c. physically occupy a building or office or other College-related facility for the purpose of, or with the result of, hindering others from its assigned use;
- d. physically block doorways, corridors, stairways, elevators, reception areas, driveways and roadways, walks, parking areas or congregate so as to disrupt normal use of the College's or private facilities or property;
- e. interfere with classes, hearings, or other College operations or activities by harassing or disruptive tactics – violent or nonviolent;

- f. fail to comply with the directives of College authorities or their designees in the discharge of their assigned duties in relation to any herein-mentioned actions or situations; or
- g. refuse to produce satisfactory identification when requested by lawful authority.

4. In addition to the above-listed proscriptions, the following shall also apply:

a. Alcoholic Beverages

The unauthorized or illegal use of alcoholic beverages on the Ramapo College campus or any unit thereof is prohibited.

b. Drugs

The use, possession, sale or being under the influence of illegal narcotics, chemicals, psychedelic drugs, and other dangerous or illegal drugs or substances on Ramapo College premises is strictly prohibited.

c. Gambling

Illegal gambling on campus is prohibited.

d. Theft

The College authorities will take disciplinary action against persons found to have committed acts of thievery on campus and will cooperate with duly authorized officials in the investigation and prosecution of persons committing theft.

e. Other Illegal Acts

All persons are advised that local, county, State, and Federal enforcement agencies have jurisdiction on the College campus and that the College authorities will cooperate with these agencies to uphold the law. Persons adjudged guilty of violating these prohibitions will be subject to all applicable civil and criminal penalties. College-connected persons will also be subject to College disciplinary action, which may include suspension or dismissal.

5. Immediate Removal from Teaching Duties

In accordance with Article XV of the Master Contract, the College may remove a member of the faculty from teaching duties immediately where the College has deemed there to be a fitness for duty or safety concern.

6. Enforcement Program

The President shall be responsible for the enforcement of these rules, and they shall designate other administrative officers to take action in accordance with these rules when required or appropriate.

to any court of appropriate jurisdiction for an injunction to restrain those involved in the violation or threatened violation of these rules.