Rule Summary

The Texas A&M University System Offices (System Offices) delegates the authority to approve all sales and solicitations on the RELLIS campus (excluding system auxiliaries and contracted vendors) to the RELLIS campus administration.

Definitions

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Rule

1. RESPONSIBILITY

When a building or property on the RELLIS campus is occupied by more than one member or RELLIS-approved entity, the members or RELLIS-approved entity will agree whose guidelines will be controlling.

2. SCOPE

This regulation should not be interpreted to restrain or interfere with protected expressive activity.

3. CONCESSIONS PERMITS

3.1 Faculty, staff, students, student organizations, departments, system agencies, colleges and divisions, and RELLIS-approved entities wishing to solicit donations, or to make sales and/or rentals on the RELLIS campus, are required to obtain written permission from RELLIS campus administration prior to the beginning of this activity.
3.2 Concessions permit request forms are available, and applicants should submit their requests to the RELLIS campus administration at least ten full business days prior to the requested date for beginning operations.

A copy of the Texas State Sales and Use Tax Permit must be on file if the concession involves a sale of any kind.

3.3 No concessions permit is required if:

3.3.1 Students, faculty or staff advertise personal items “for sale” on bulletin boards designed for that purpose; or

3.3.2 A recognized student or RELLIS campus organization sells certain selected items to its members or employees ONLY.

3.4 A request for a concessions permit may be rejected or revoked by the RELLIS campus administration if at any time the act of soliciting donations, selling, renting or executing transactions disrupts the normal activities on the campus.

Justifiable reasons for rejections or revocation may include, but are not limited to:

(a) failure to comply with the basic requirements as outlined in this rule;
(b) faulty merchandise;
(c) complaints from or inconvenience to other approved parties of the campus;
(d) soliciting donations, selling, renting or executing transactions outside of authorized areas;
(e) unsanitary conditions or procedures;
(f) misrepresentation;
(g) falsification of information on the permit requests application;
(h) interference with the mission of the campus;
(i) interference with normal traffic flow and use; or
(j) blocking ingress or egress.

4. UNAFFILIATED THIRD PARTY

Concessions permits will not be issued to unaffiliated third parties. If an unaffiliated third party seeks to make sales on campus, it should contact RELLIS campus administration to request an administration exception.

5. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Advertisement or promotion of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

6. COMMERCIAL SPEECH
6.1 Commercial speech is protected by the First Amendment. Commercial speech includes advertising or promoting products or services. The RELLIS campus administration cannot limit any seller’s right to advertise or promote products or services (including price information) in “traditional public forums” or “designated public forums.” The RELLIS campus administration can regulate advertising and promotional speech in these forums that is false, misleading or offering illegal goods or services.

6.2 The RELLIS campus administration can limit or prohibit a seller from advertising or promoting products and services in “limited public forums” and “non-public forums.” The RELLIS campus administration can limit or prohibit a seller from engaging in transactions in any forum by requiring adherence to established campus rules such as those outlined in this rule.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Regulation 21.99.09, Access to System Property for Sales, Rentals and Soliciting Donations

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