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## CAMPUS LIFE BOARD, FINAL DRAFT OF DEMONSTRATION POLICY

Current policy: Disorderly Assembly

No person or group shall assemble on campus for the purpose of creating a riot, destruction of property, or a disruption which interferes with the normal operation of the College, the free movement of other persons around the campus, or the use of College facilities. This regulation, however, by no means denies the right to assemble peacefully.

### **Proposed policy: Campus Demonstrations and Disorderly Behavior- DRAFT**

Hope College believes it is important that all members of the community have the opportunity to express themselves about events, decisions, or actions with which they may agree or disagree. The expectation and spirit for the Hope College community is to allow free and respectful expression. Because of our commitment to free expression, peaceful campus demonstrations and assembly by the members of the Hope community are permitted subject to the limitations described in this policy.

The opportunity to protest or raise concerns should always be balanced with the right of the individual to participate in his/her education free from disruption or obstruction; accordingly the following are actions that will result in a judicial process:

**Violence towards a person or structure or the threat of violence**

**Occupancy of a room, space, building, or area at the exclusion of others who have a legitimate reason to be present**

**Unreasonable prevention of progress of an educational activity or College event**

**Preventing a person or persons from participating in an educational activity or College event**

**Blocking or obstructing the access to a facility or event**

**Damage to College or personal property**

**Failure to cooperate with a College authority\* seeking to uphold this or other College policies**

The campus of Hope College is private property and supports demonstrations or assemblies by students who are currently enrolled at Hope College. People who are not members of the Hope community do not have a right to assemble or demonstrate on the campus of Hope College. Participation in an assembly or demonstration does not free a participant from observing other rules and policies which may be applicable to his/her conduct.

*\*A College authority is defined as a member of Campus Safety and/or a senior member of the academic community or Student Development administration, and/or an individual appointed by the President.*