

**The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO**  
**POLICIES and PROCEDURES**

## **1.5 PICKETING, DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES**

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### **POLICY**

- 1.00 In keeping with its traditional aim of providing an environment conducive to freedom of enquiry and expression, the University, as a general rule, will permit the use of its property and facilities for picketing, distribution of literature (if not considered to be libelous, seditious, inciting to riot, or beyond the bounds of common decency, under the laws applicable in Ontario), gatherings, related activities, etc., where there is some reasonable degree of student or faculty interest, providing, specifically, that such actions:
- (a) cause no interference with the orderly functioning of the University nor infringement on the rights or privileges of others, which rights include the right to peaceful pursuit of campus activities and to enjoy the rule of law;
  - (b) do not contravene existing Senate or Board of Governors policies.

### **PROCEDURE**

- 2.00 The procedure for booking University facilities for these activities are set out in [Policy 1.1 - Use of University Facilities for Other than Regularly Scheduled Academic Purposes](#).
- 3.00 Printed material produced by a University group or a non-University group may be distributed on campus providing such distribution is consistent with the general policy enunciated in 1.00 above.
- 4.00 Material produced by a University group or a non-University group for distribution on bulletin boards supervised by the University Students' Council Copy Centre must be submitted to the Copy Centre for approval on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Advertising and Commercial Activity and payment of the posting fee. Where the Centre is in doubt about the suitability of the material for distribution, that material shall be referred to the Advisory Committee on Advertising and Commercial Activity for a final decision.
- 5.00 The Advisory Committee on Advertising and Commercial Activity may deny distribution rights where it finds that the printed material in question is not consistent with the general policy stated in 1.00 above.
- 6.00 The Advisory Committee on Advertising and Commercial Activity may deny distribution rights or establish distribution fees where it considers the material's distribution to be detrimental to an existing University publication.
- 7.00 The cost of removal of unauthorized printed material will be billed to the group or individual involved; repeat offenders may be issued trespass notices.
- 8.00 With regard to the use of the University's property and facilities and the distribution of printed material, due regard must, of course, always be given to the appropriate recovery of expenses.