

# **RULES OF PUBLIC ORDER**

(Approved by the Board of Trustees of Union College on April 15, 1994)

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Under Section 6430 of the Education Law, every college chartered by the Regents of the State of New York is required to adopt rules and regulations for the maintenance of public order. In June of 1969, the Regulations of Union College, as approved by the Board of Trustees, were filed with the Commissioner of Education and the Board of Regents. It has now become necessary to amend those regulations to clarify their scope and applicability. Nothing herein is intended, nor shall be construed, to limit or restrict the freedom of speech or peaceful assembly, since free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the objectives of a higher educational institution. These rules and regulations are not to prevent or restrain controversy and dissent but to prevent interference with the rights of others, to preserve the ability of members of the College community to perform their respective responsibilities, and to maintain that public order appropriate to a college or university campus without which there can be no intellectual freedom, and they shall be interpreted and applied to that end.

## **APPLICATION OF RULES**

The rules hereby adopted shall govern the conduct of students, faculty and other staff, licensees, invitees, and all other persons, whether or not their presence is authorized upon the Union College campus, to which such rules are applicable, and all property under the control of Union College.

## **PROHIBITED CONDUCT**

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

- Obstruct the free movement of persons and vehicles in any place to which these rules apply;
- Deliberately disrupt or prevents the peaceful and orderly conduct of classes, lectures, and meetings or deliberately interferes with the freedom of any persons to express their views, including invited speakers;
- Enter upon and remain in any building or facility for any purpose other than its authorized uses or in such manner as to obstruct its authorized use by others, remain (without authorization) in any building or facility after it is normally closed, or refuse to leave any building or facility after being asked to do so by an authorized administrative officer;
- Violate any rules or regulations relating to conduct as enumerated in the Student Conduct Code contained in the Student Handbook, including those filed with the Commissioner of Education and the Board of Regents;
- Willfully incite others to commit any of the acts herein prohibited with specific intent to encourage them to do so; or
- Take any action or create, or participate in the creation of, any situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers mental or physical health which involves the forced