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IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 51.9315, TEXAS EDUCATION CODE – PROTECTED EXPRESSION ON CAMPUS

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health San Antonio) is committed to protect the expressive rights of persons guaranteed by the constitutions of the United States and of this state by (1) recognizing freedom of speech and assembly as central to the mission of institutions of higher education; and (2) ensuring that all persons may assemble peaceably on the campuses of institutions of higher education for expressive activities, including to listen to or observe the expressive activities of others.

The University of Texas System Board of Regents updated Regents' *Rules and Regulations* 40501, 80101, and 80103 to ensure that the common outdoor areas of UT Health San Antonio are traditional public forums.

UT Health San Antonio updated its policy detailing students' rights and responsibilities regarding expressive activities. The University of Texas System Board of Regents approved the policy on May 6, 2020. The updated UT Health San Antonio policy (HOP 9.1.9 – Expressive Activities) complies with the requirements of Section 51.9315, Texas Education Code, was in effect before August 1, 2020, and is posted on UT Health San Antonio's website. The policy is made available to students during freshman and transfer student orientations and included in UT Health San Antonio's student catalog. The policy is also included in UT Health San Antonio's personnel handbook for employees.

UT Health San Antonio has developed procedures and annual training for employees responsible for educating or disciplining students to ensure they understand the requirements of Section 51.9315, Texas Education Code and UT Health San Antonio's internal policies. The most recent training was conducted on Tuesday, November 2, 2020.