



Committee Meeting: Policy & Governance Committee	Date: September 17, 2024
Committee Chair: Melodie Baker	
New or Edited: New	

POLICY NAME: Camping and Use of Tents on Campus

POLICY TYPE: Board

SUBMITTED BY: Senior Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Administration, Executive Director of Legal Affairs

ISSUE OR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To set forth the State University of New York (SUNY) Erie Community College policy on camping and the use of tents/canopies on campus.

NEW OR EDITED POLICY: New

POLICY:

SUNY Erie Community College is committed to maintaining a clean, aesthetically pleasing, healthy, hygienic and safe work, and educational, environment in order to effectively carry out its educational mission. SUNY Erie is authorized to control its buildings and grounds consistent with the SUNY policies for use of facilities, which prohibit the use of college property or buildings for purposes unrelated to the regular programs and activities of the College.

Definitions

Camping:

- In indoor or outdoor locations, the establishment of, evidence of an attempt to establish, or maintenance of temporary or permanent living quarters at any location on college property—this includes the establishment of any indoor and/or outdoor encampment erected in connection with any lawful assembly of individuals pursuant to SUNY Erie Freedom of Expression and Assembly Student Policy and the Assignment and use of College Facilities policies;
- Sleeping overnight in or under any parked vehicle; or
- Establishing or maintaining indoors or outdoors, or in or under, any structure not designated for human occupancy, at any time during the day or night, a temporary or permanent place for cooking, storing of personal belongings, or sleeping by setting up any bedding, sleeping bag, mattress, tent, hammock or other sleeping equipment, or by setting up any cooking equipment that has not been approved by the Office of Buildings and Grounds.

Campus or Campuses is any College owned, leased, licensed or operated space, facility, property, grounds or building.



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Canopy is a structure, enclosure or shelter constructed of fabric or pliable materials supported by any manner, except by air or the contents it protects, and is open without side walls or drops on 75 percent or more of the perimeter.

College is SUNY Erie Community College.

Permit is a written document prepared by the CEO issued to Campus Personnel to allow the set up and use of a tent or canopy for a specified amount of time. Permits may be revoked if permit conditions are not followed.

Tailgating – informal gathering from the back of a parked vehicle, typically in the parking lot near the college event venue.

Tailgating space is limited to those patrons with an appropriate parking pass or permit. Access to the tailgating area may be limited to those patrons who have a valid game ticket for the contest being held that day.

Tent - any and all structures, enclosure or shelter constructed of any material, including but not limited to fabric or pliable materials supported by any manner.

Third Party or Parties is any person, organization, group or entity not affiliated with the College including, but not limited to, the general public, contractors, vendors, guests and visitors to the College, those using College facilities or property under a College revocable permit, and volunteers not enrolled as such on College systems.

- A. Camping is prohibited on the College Campus.
- B. Exceptions
 - 1. Actions that constitute “camping” as defined above may be allowed with prior, written permission in the following limited circumstances:
 - i. With the advance written approval of the appropriate College official following the appropriate campus procedures below.
 - ii. As approved as part of a revocable permit for Campus use pursuant to SUNY Policy No. 5603 (Use of Facilities by Non-Commercial Organizations).
 - iii. Tailgating and tailgate parties are excluded from this policy.
 - iv. In extraordinary circumstances, such as times of natural disaster, when approved in writing in advance by the President of the College or their designee.



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- C. Enforcement and Compliance
 1. SUNY Erie Student Affairs Office and/or Campus Safety are responsible for addressing non-compliance with this policy by all persons and may address violations of this policy that constitute criminal trespass or any other violation of law.
 2. Students may be referred for discipline for alleged violation of this Policy.

- D. This Policy shall be effective immediately upon approval.

DOES IT SUPERCEDE A POLICY/WHICH ONE (if so, attach redline version): N/A

POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Policy & Governance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve this Board policy under Committee Briefings, Policy and Governance Committee.

DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL: September 26, 2024

POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE TEAM FOLLOW-UP:

Following Trustee approval, this Board policy will be included in the SUNY Erie Community College Board of Trustees Policy Manual and the College Catalog.

INFORMATION/INPUT CONSIDERED DURING POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS:

SUNY Model Policy provided to the campuses in August 2024.

The Policy has been reviewed and discussed at the Policy & Governance Committee meeting of September 17, 2024.

History

Item:	Date:	Explanation:
Policy adopted	September 26, 2024	
Annual BOT Review/Reaffirmed		
Previously Reviewed and Extended		
Renamed		



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SUNY Erie Cross References

Policy Name or Procedure:	Where to find:
Freedom of Expression and Assembly Student Policy	College Catalog
Camping and Use of Tents on Campus	College Catalog
Identification Card Policy	College Catalog
Assignment and Use of College Facilities Policy	College Catalog