

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

REGULATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER

(as adopted by Executive Committee,  
Board of Trustees, on July 15, 1969)

In compliance with Section 6450 of the Education Law of the State of New York, which requires the governing boards of all colleges and universities within the State to adopt regulations for the maintenance of public order, the Board of Trustees of Cornell University hereby adopts the following principles and regulations.

I

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

At Cornell University, the principle of freedom with responsibility is more than a tradition. It is a way of life. This principle means that freedom to teach and to learn, freedom to inquire and to dissent, freedom to speak freely and to be heard, and freedom to assemble and protest peaceably are essential to academic freedom and to the continued functioning of the University as an educational institution.

Equally important is the principle that the responsible enjoyment and exercise of these freedoms means respect for

the rights of all and cannot permit infringement upon the rights of others or interference with the peaceful and lawful use and enjoyment of University premises, facilities, and programs.

## II

### FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY

The University recognizes the rights of freedom of speech and of peaceful assembly and demonstration for students, faculty, employees and other persons authorized to be on its premises, and nothing contained in these principles and regulations is intended nor shall it be construed to limit or restrict the freedom of speech or of peaceful assembly of any such persons. Any assembly or demonstration shall be conducted at such a time, in such a place, and in such a manner so as to conform to the principles and regulations herein set forth.

## III

### APPLICABILITY

The principles and regulations herein set forth shall govern the conduct of all persons on any campus of the University or other property or facilities owned and/or used by it for educational purposes, wherever situated, hereinafter sometimes called University premises. They shall apply

to students, faculty, employees, alumni, visitors, and other licensees and invitees alike.

#### IV

#### STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

All persons shall conduct themselves on University premises in a manner which does not disrupt or obstruct University operations or functions or infringe upon or interfere with the lawful exercise of the rights and freedoms of others. Accordingly, all persons shall observe and comply with the following regulations.

1. No person shall disrupt or obstruct or attempt to disrupt or obstruct any instructional, research, service, or other University operations or functions, or interfere with or attempt to interfere with the lawful exercise of freedom of speech, freedom of movement, freedom of peaceable assembly, or other rights of individuals, by

a. Using or threatening physical force or violence to harass, abuse, intimidate, coerce or injure another, or to cause damage to or loss of property; or

b. Using language or actions likely to incite the use of physical force or violence by others; or

c. Persistently making or causing to be made unreasonable, excessive, or tumultuous noise; or

d. Obstructing or causing to be obstructed the lawful use of, access to, or egress from University premises or portions thereof, or unlawfully entering or remaining in or on the same; or

e. Obstructing or restraining the lawful movement of another or obstructing or restraining his lawful participation in authorized activities and events, including, without limitation, regular and special curricular activities, extracurricular activities, and employment interviews; or

f. Engaging in any other reckless, tumultuous, or unlawful act or course of conduct.

2. No person shall refuse or fail to comply with a lawful order of any University or public official acting in the performance of his duties in the administration and enforcement of these regulations.

#### V

#### PROHIBITION OF FIREARMS

The possession, carrying, or use of firearms, including rifles and shotguns, ammunition, explosives, or other dangerous weapons, instruments, or substances in or upon

University premises, except by law enforcement officers or except as specifically authorized by the University, is prohibited.

## VI

### ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

1. Enforcement. The President of the University and his designated representatives shall be responsible for initiating and assuring the prompt enforcement of these regulations, including the application of remedies (e.g., ejection) and the institution of appropriate disciplinary proceedings.
2. Ejection. Any person violating any of these regulations shall be subject to ejection and/or exclusion from University premises (including temporary suspension from the University in case of a student) as directed by the President or his designated representative. Such ejection or exclusion shall not preclude or interfere with subsequent University disciplinary proceedings and other actions.
3. Disciplinary Proceedings and Penalties. Upon receiving notice that a student, faculty member, or employee may have committed a violation of any of these regulations, the President or his designated representative shall promptly cause an investigation to be made. If there appears

reasonable cause to believe that any of said individuals has committed a violation, written notification of the charges shall promptly be served upon him, either personally or by registered or certified mail, and a copy of the charges shall simultaneously be transmitted to the appropriate board or University authority for prompt disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the following:

a. In the case of a student, in accordance with the procedures of the Adjudicatory System for Student Conduct adopted by the University Faculty on May 1, 1968, except, in the case of a student at the Medical College, School of Nursing, or Graduate School of Medical Sciences, in accordance with procedures adopted at those schools; or

b. In the case of a member of the University Faculty, in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 8 of Article XVIII of the Bylaws of the University; or

c. In the case of an employee, other than a student or a member of the University Faculty, in accordance with administrative action by appropriate University officials. Any action taken with respect to an employee, however, shall be subject to the provisions of applicable

University grievance procedures.

If it is determined that a student, faculty member, or employee has committed a violation of these regulations, the appropriate board or authority may impose penalties including suspension, expulsion, or dismissal from the University.

## VII

### OTHER ACTIONS

1. These regulations and the penalties imposed hereunder shall not be deemed exclusive of and shall not preclude resort to any applicable State, Federal, or local law or ordinance or other University regulations and procedures and shall not be deemed to limit the right of the University or of any person to take such additional or other legal action as may seem appropriate or necessary to maintain public order and to protect legal rights.
2. Nothing contained in these regulations shall be deemed to impair the right of the University to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate for purposes of construction and repair of facilities, of regulating vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and of maintaining order and safety.

VIII  
AMENDMENTS

These principles and regulations may be amended in whole or in part from time to time by action of the Board of Trustees.