

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 5, 2019

**TO:** Campus Community

**FROM:** Thomas A. Parham, Ph.D.  
President

**SUBJECT:** Presidential Statement on Time, Place and Manner

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Among the ideals we hold dear in the academy is the principle of free speech. Intellectual inquiry and the free exchange of ideas, along with academic freedom, are principles that anchor our intellectual and co-curricular pursuits in higher education institutions. These principles, while providing great degrees of freedom to any of us wishing to express an opinion, also demand that we respect the right of others to express their views, in spite of the fact that those expressions may differ markedly from any views we would choose to embrace or endorse, including some views that may deeply offend our own sensibilities.

Policies that help us enforce and operationalize the free expression of ideas include those related to **time, place, and manner**, hereafter known as **TP&M**. This policy has a long track record of drafts and iterations that sought to help CSUDH seek to provide some structure and clarity on how to best facilitate free expression of our students, staff, faculty, and public guests in the midst of managing the other academic and co-curricular affairs of the university. This latest iteration of the policy, which is the now current rules for campus, is not intended to be a static but a dynamic document. We may revisit TP&M particularly in light of policy changes and court rulings that potentially impact the way higher education manages its affairs.

It is our hope that the latest policy statement provides each of you with a guide to understand the parameters and boundaries of how, when, and where expressions can be made on our campus that seeks to support free speech while also attending to the institutional dynamics of leading a vibrant, intellectually curious, and inclusive academic community.