

## USC Club Bill of Rights

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### **1.00 Right of Free Expression**

1.01 USC-Ratified Clubs shall have the right to free expression, subject to the following terms:

- a. Clubs shall have the right to reasonably engage in the discourse of ideas, even if some of the ideas discussed may be seen to be objectionable.
- b. The free and unobstructed exchange of ideas shall be a major priority of the Clubs System.
- c. While both clubs and individual students shall have the full right to peacefully protest any action or event, physically obstructing or otherwise substantially disrupting club events shall be grounds for sanction under the Clubs Hearings and Sanctions Policy.
- d. The USC has the full ability to restrict or prohibit expression that is illegal, threatening, harassing, defamatory, is in violation of privacy or confidentiality standards, or is in violation of the community standards policy.

1.02 Other components of the USC shall have full latitude to engage in the discussion on any topic, but direct administration of the clubs system is expected to be done in an ideologically neutral fashion.

### **2.00 Right Against Unreasonable Restrictions**

2.01 The USC shall have the ability to regulate event logistics, including time, location, approvals, security requirements, and other logistical considerations, in accordance with existing event planning policies, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Logistical requirements, security charges, or any other conditions imposed must be as minimal as reasonably possible, so as not to intentionally de-platform

events.

b. The USC shall retain the ability to restrict the type of expression permitted in certain locations in the pursuit of community standards and as per the community standards policy. For instance, an exceptionally controversial or potentially triggering event may be denied for the UCC atrium but permitted instead to be held in a classroom.

c. In the event that an event is made unfeasible by USC-imposed logistical or security requirements, the USC shall make reasonable efforts to find another format in which a substantially similar event may be held feasibly.

2.02 All clubs shall have applications, forms, grants, proposals, and any other documents submitted to the USC processed in a due and timely manner. Clubs shall not be penalized for delays in the USC's internal affairs.

### **3.00 Right of Equal Access**

3.01 All clubs shall have the right of timely access to all policies, procedures, and other relevant documents.

3.02 All clubs have the right of access to services that the USC provides to clubs, allowing for reasonable logistical constraints.

3.03 In instances where a club or club member faces any kind of hearings, sanctions, or discipline from the USC, the USC shall act to ensure that the club or individual has been provided with all relevant policies.

### **4.00 Right of Equal Treatment**

4.01 The USC shall treat all clubs substantially equally, and shall not extend special privileges or restrictions to any club,

- a. Unless levied as part of a sanction under Club Hearings and Sanctions Procedure.

