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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 16, 2018

TO: Dr. Julie Harlin
Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Anne Reber *AR*
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

Attached please find proposed revision to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. These changes are for the following rule:

Change to **Rule 39 Soliciting on Campus**

Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on October 16, 2018.

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PROPOSAL

Please see attached rule for extensive changes.

39.1 The term "solicit" is defined as the taking of orders, sales, rentals or donation. Any solicitation on campus must have the approval of the University Concessions Committee, through the Department of Student Activities, whether such solicitation is by an officially recognized student organization, university organization, a governmental agency or other. Door-to-door solicitation by outside organizations or companies is prohibited in the residence halls and University apartments. Concessions guidelines and request forms for permits are available online and in the Department of Student Activities. Information about facility and space usage can be addressed by University Center & Special Events staff. (link this page here <https://ucenter.tamu.edu/>)

39.2 No concessions permit is required if a recognized student organization or University organization (including residence halls) sells certain selected items to its members ONLY.

39.3 All charity and welfare drives must be sponsored by an officially recognized student organization and are subject to the same guidelines as other solicitations on campus. Student organizations seeking to conduct charity drives must obtain concessions permits at the Department of Student Activities.

39.4 Only recognized campus organizations, students, staff and instructors are permitted to use university facilities, including computing resources, for publicity and advertising. Non-university affiliated vendors may advertise through use of The Battalion, U.S. Mail, or telecommunications.

39.5 For more information on soliciting on campus, see Texas A&M University Rule 21.99.09.M1 Access to University Property for Soliciting Donations and for Sales and Rentals (link this rule to <http://rules-saps.tamu.edu/PDFs/21.99.09.M1.pdf>)

JUSTIFICATION

These changes would represent the full support of free speech rights for students at Texas A&M when soliciting on campus, as defined by this rule and the University rule associated with it, and these changes clarify which campus departments support the implementation of the processes associated with this rule. The changes will also better align with the University rule associated with soliciting on campus.

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(Additions to rules are bolded and in red font, deletions to rules are indicated by strikethrough.)

39. Soliciting on Campus

(Revised: 2006**2018**)

39.1 The term "solicit" is defined as ~~advertising, the taking of orders, sales, rentals or donations, proselytizing, campaigning (political or other), collection and distribution of literature.~~ Any solicitation on campus must have the approval of the University Concessions Committee, **through the Department of Student Activities**, whether such solicitation is by an officially recognized student organization, university organization, a governmental agency or other. Door-to-door solicitation by outside organizations or companies, ~~however,~~ is prohibited in the residence halls and University Apartments. ~~Concessions guidelines and request forms are available in the University Center Scheduling and Services Office.~~ **Information about facility and space usage can be addressed by University Center & Special Events staff.**

39.2 ~~Concessions permits are limited to five days in a 30-day period to provide equal access to all organizations. All solicitation must take place from behind a scheduled table. A full-time student representing the group that obtained the permit must be at the approved location at all times.~~ **No concessions permit is required if a recognized student organization or University organization (including residence halls) sells certain selected items to its members ONLY.**

39.3 All charity and welfare drives must be sponsored by an officially recognized student organization and are subject to the same guidelines as other solicitations on campus. ~~Student organizations charity fund drives also should be registered at the Student Activities Office~~ **seeking to conduct charity drives must obtain concessions permits at the Department of Student Activities.**

39.4 Only recognized campus organizations, students, **staff** and instructors are permitted to use university facilities, including computing resources, for publicity and advertising. Non-university affiliated vendors may advertise through use of ~~the Battalion, the telephone or U.S. Mail,~~ **or telecommunications.** ~~Guidelines regulating campus advertising and publicity may be obtained in the University Center Scheduling and Services Offices.~~

39.5 For more information on soliciting on campus, see Texas A&M University Rule 21.99.09.M1 Access To University Property for Soliciting Donations and for Sales and Rentals.

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