I. Purpose
This policy outlines the expectations for, and obligations of, any student planning or holding a protest or other public demonstration on property owned or controlled by the University (“University Property”).

II. Scope
This policy applies to any student protest or other public demonstration.

III. Policy
A student planning a protest or other public demonstration on University Property should contact the Dean of Students office (973-761-9076) for guidance and information. A student must submit a Student Protest Application to the Dean of Students office for review and approval at least 48 hours before a protest or demonstration is expected to occur.

The University is committed to academic freedom and civil discourse. A student protest or other public demonstration is permitted so long as it is peaceful, non-obstructive and respectful of the University’s Catholic mission. The University reserves the right to designate time, manner, and appropriate areas for the assembly.

During protests, participants must respect the rights of others, including those with whom they disagree. Any students engaging in disruptive or disorderly conduct, failing to comply with the directions of a University official, or otherwise violating this Policy or the Student Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action and/or criminal charges. Participation is restricted to members of the University community.

Disruptive conduct on University property is prohibited. Disruptive conduct includes, but is not limited, to the following:

1. **INTERFERING** with University operations, activities, and/or events.
2. **PREVENTING** access to or egress from offices, building or other University property.
3. **FAILING** to comply with the directions of University officials, including directions to leave a particular facility or space.
4. **CREATING** the threat of physical harm to persons or damage to University Property.
5. **EXCEEDING** building and/or reasonable outdoors site capacities as determined by the University.

6. **EXCEEDING** noise levels and/or interfering with or disrupting University operations.

**IV. Responsible Office(s)**
Vice President for Student Services
Dean of Students

**V. Related Policies**
Student Code of Conduct

**VI. Approved**
Approved by Dr. Mary J. Meehan, Interim President, on the recommendation of the Executive Cabinet on August 17, 2017.

**Effective Date**
August 17, 2017
Student Protest Application

(Applications must be submitted to the Dean of Students Office at least 48 hours prior to the time of the requested event.)

Name of Student Organizer of event: _______________________________________________

Contact Information of Student Organizer: ___________________________________________

Name of Group: ___________________________________________________________________

Requested Date/Time/Duration: ____________________________________________________

Requested Location: ______________________________________________________________

Description of Event: ______________________________________________________________
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STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

As the responsible student organizer of this event, I understand that I am responsible for this event and hereby agree and affirm that the safety of participants, observers, and other members of the University community, as well as the continued operations of the University are of the highest importance. I understand and agree that during any protest or other public demonstration, participants must respect the rights of others, including those with whom they disagree.

I understand and agree that any protest or other public demonstration must be respectful of the University’s Catholic mission.

I understand and agree that participation in the event is limited to enrolled students and that individuals who are not students may not participate and are subject to immediate removal from University Property and/or criminal charges.

I understand and agree that signs cannot be affixed to or displayed on University property, including trees, lampposts and the like. No materials associated with the event may be left on University property following the event and shall be removed and safely disposed of by the participants.

I further understand and agree that this event cannot disrupt normal University operations, exceed building and/or reasonable outdoors site capacities, or cause noise or other disturbances that interfere with or disrupt University operation.

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Student Organizer Signature                        Date

Print Name: ______________________________