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- c. The area behind Health and Public Affairs 2 bordering the sidewalks and road adjacent to Engineering 2.
- d. The triangle formed by the sidewalks bordering Colbourn Hall, the John T. Washington Center, and the Colbourn Hall Faculty Parking Lot.

Registered student organizations planning events must register their event with the Office of Student Involvement as required in Section 16.E of the student handbook and obtain official

in California, the University of North Carolina–Greensboro, Texas Tech University, and the University of Nevada–Reno. In all of these cases, the institutions challenged have either decided to open their campuses to expressive activities or have been forced by a court to do so. For instance, in FIRE’s case at Texas Tech, a federal court determined that Texas Tech’s policy must be interpreted to allow free speech for students on “park areas, sidewalks, streets, or other similar common areas...irrespective of whether the University has so designated them or not.” See *Roberts v. Haragan*, 346 F. Supp. 2d 853 (N.D. Tex. 2004). UCF would be well advised to take this decision into account in considering its own policies.

Moreover, UCF’s strict regulations on speech are tragic in light of the fact that the special function of the university as a whole is to serve as the ultimate “free speech area.” UCF reflects this sentiment in its mission statement, which states, “UCF is committed to the free expression of ideas.” In an article in the