

NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS AND VISITORS TO THE GARLAND HALL SIT-IN

April 30, 2019

The university is making every effort to accommodate protest and free expression on campus, and continues to seek some degree of cooperation from protesters and other participants. We are concerned that student protesters may not be fully communicating to other participants the seriousness of our safety concerns. In particular, Garland Hall – and its open lobby, stairs, and balcony – are not designed for large numbers of people.

We are asking for protest gatherings to remain outdoors, and we are reminding protesters and others that entering the building when it is closed (6pm to 7am on weekdays and during the weekend) is a violation of the university conduct code and is trespassing. We are gravely concerned that these health, safety and operational parameters are continuing to be ignored and/or violated with increasing frequency.

Please be reminded of the following information, which has been repeatedly communicated to protesters and remains unchanged:

- Entry into Garland Hall while it is closed is trespassing (6pm to 7am on weekdays and during the weekend).
- Garland Hall – and its open lobby, stairs, and balcony – are not designed for large numbers of people. We are asking for protest gatherings to remain outdoors.
- Protesters may not engage in intimidating, harassing, or bullying behavior towards other members of the university community, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors.
- Protesters may not disrupt student services. Protesters have disrupted financial aid services and have taken for their own exclusive use the only conference room in the Student Financial Aid office, which is used for private consultations with students, prospective students, and their families who visit with counselors to discuss financial aid needs. The protesters were instructed to leave the room and failed to do so.
- Protesters are not authorized to use conference rooms or other office space within Garland Hall and have been repeatedly asked to be respectful and not disruptive to fellow students and families seeking financial aid counseling, academic advising, and disability services in Garland Hall.
- For the safety of protesters and all who work in and visit Garland Hall, the usual ID check-in process for Garland Hall must be followed.
- Garland Hall's doors may not be propped open at any time, or opened to permit access to others when the building is closed.
- The ADA-required door mechanisms must not be tampered with, disabled or damaged.
- Lighting or burning of materials is not permitted in Garland Hall at any time.
- A full list of notices and other protest information and resources can be found [here](#).

Violations and deliberate acts of trespassing may precipitate disciplinary and/or legal action.