

**SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
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S15-2, University Policy, Sound Level at Campus Events

Legislative History:

Replaces S12-8

At its meeting of February 9, 2015, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator Frazier

chairs in the surrounding buildings of the scheduled event. This is a courtesy notification, not a step in the approval process. Student Union Event Services will maintain a list of email contact information.

Campus organizations involved in the recruitment of students to the University may be given blanket approval to use sound in the 65-85 decibel range. This blanket approval shall be granted by Student Union Event Services, which shall monitor any complaints that may arise from the events in question and recommend appropriate adjustments. Approval for these organizations shall be reviewed by Student Union Event Services every two years.

3. Campus events with sound (amplified or otherwise) 85 decibels and above are allowed only in specified locations. The sound at the event must be approved by and monitored by the Student Union Event/Technical Services.
 - a. Student Union Event Services will maintain the list of campus locations for which these events may be scheduled. This list will be reviewed and updated annually.
 - b. Approval of these events will not be limited to a certain time frame during the day.

The decibel levels referred to above are measured at 10 feet from the

some unamplified sound e.g. drumming, is more disruptive than some amplified sounds.

- The 65-85 decibel range was within the range of decibel level requirements at other universities. The Instruction and Student Affairs Committee members (of Spring 2012) measured levels of different activities and distances in an informal manner, and the members felt that the 65-85 decibel range was reasonable.
- PD 2001-1 currently limits sound amplification on campus to certain locations. The list of these locations is outdated. It would be more effective to establish a procedure for establishing and reviewing approved places for events that involve loud sound.
- Sound at campus wide events (e.g. protests, marches, and parades) are approved through the registration process for these events with the University Police Department.
- Practice has been that amplified sound is only allowed from 12-1pm on campus. However, this limits when and how the campus community can recruit, communicate with, or attract diverse campus participants.

Approved: November 17, 2014

Vote: 11-0-0

Present: Amante, Branz (non-voting), Bruck (non-voting), Campsey, Feist, Frazier (Chair), Goyal, Hernandez, Huang, Kress, Sofish, Sullivan-Green, Walters

Absent: Brooks, Culatta, Daniels, Kelley

Financial Impact: None

Workload Impact: Possible increase in workload for approval required from Student Union Event Services.