May 6, 2024 Statement

The University has been informed of a planned march advertised on social media to take place on campus on Tuesday, May 7. Due to potential disruptions to final exams and safety concerns, the march will not be permitted. Protest activities are limited to one designated area - The 49th Acre student tailgate facility. Disruptive behavior outside of this designated location will be considered trespassing and may result in immediate disciplinary action.

The University supports the exercise of first amendment rights, but protest activities that violate law and policy do not fall within the bounds of protected speech. Activities that disrupt campus operations and activities, including final examinations, are a violation of University policy.

The University is obligated to provide an environment that is conducive to uninterrupted learning and safe, which includes limiting activities that interfere with students’ ability to engage in academic activities and/or pose a risk to campus safety.