

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION</b> STAF Division of Student Affairs and Academic Support		<b>POLICY NUMBER</b> STAF 3.26
<b>POLICY TITLE</b> Procedures for Accommodating Distinguished Guests		
<b>SCOPE OF POLICY</b> USC Columbia		<b>DATE OF REVISION</b> June 17, 2025
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b> Vice President for Student Affairs and Academic Support		<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE</b> Division of Student Affairs and Academic Support

## **PURPOSE**

The university recognizes that the invitation of a distinguished guest(s) to the University of South Carolina Columbia may require extraordinary measures to ensure the protection of the dignitary as well as the safety of Carolina students, faculty, and staff.

The value of inviting a distinguished guest to the University may require the temporary interruption of normally scheduled activities. The university reserves the right to take appropriate action to provide a secure environment for all present on the campus during such an appearance. The university will strive to minimize any inconvenience to students, faculty, and staff. Advance notice of schedule or operational changes and event details will be distributed in advance of the event, as that information is collected.

## **DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS**

As Applicable

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The university recognizes the rights and responsibilities of both students and non-students to participate in these special events. However, the university, while acknowledging the rights of assembly and free speech, reserves the right to control the environment by time, manner, and place restrictions to provide for the well-being of all people present on campus during the special event. The university also reserves the right to determine the security measures necessary for special events to ensure the safety of all people present on campus during the special event.

## **PROCEDURES**

Additional information may be obtained from the Associate Vice President for Student Life.

## **RELATED UNIVERSITY, STATE, AND FEDERAL POLICIES**

As Applicable

## **HISTORY OF REVISIONS**

<b>DATE OF REVISION</b>	<b>REASON FOR REVISION</b>
June 1, 1992	New Policy Approval
April 19, 2016	Policy organization, content, and accuracy

	reviewed in March 2016; no substantive revisions required
June 17, 2025	Non-Substantive revision