

## Events with Amplified Sound

The use of sound amplification equipment for functions or events that are not officially authorized by the University is not permitted. Acoustic or ambient sound, such as that generated through musical instruments may be limited when such use interferes with the orderly conduct of University business or authorized events.

During periods of instruction or employment, sound amplification will be permitted for authorized events on the Savio (Sproul Hall) steps between noon and 1:00 p.m. and between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. seven days a week. Amplified sound outside of the aforementioned locations and times is not permitted without the authorization of the surrounding Building Coordinators and the campus department managing the facility. No sound amplification will be allowed beginning the day after the last day of instruction of the semester through the final examination period.

The City of Berkeley also has written standards for its noise ordinance policy. You can find specific details [here](#).

In accordance with established procedures, applications for the use of sound amplification equipment or space in these areas will be approved by Event Services so as to ensure adequate access by all authorized users.

RSOs, the authorized student government and its agencies, official alumni groups, and colleges, schools, departments and other units of the Berkeley campus may request amplification equipment for use on the Savio (Sproul Hall) steps. This equipment will be provided by the ASUC Student Union's Event Services without charge and upon a minimum of 48 hours notice excluding weekends and holidays. Groups not canceling reservations of these facilities at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled event may be liable for the costs of providing sound amplification equipment if alternative arrangements cannot be made and may not be able to schedule events on the Savio (Sproul Hall) steps.

The volume and direction of sound amplification will be controlled by the providing campus office so as not to interfere with other campus or community activities. Where appropriate, decibel readings may be used to monitor the volume and direction of sound being generated. Event Services is responsible for monitoring the volume and overall conduct of programs on Sproul Plaza. Sound equipment can be reserved in advance through Event Services.

## Events with Speakers or Performers

If you are paying a speaker or performer to come to campus, you must have them fill out a Personal Service Agreement. Some career performers/speakers may also request that you sign a contract. Please note that as a student organization, you are not legally able to sign such documents. If you need to write or validate a contract, please contact your LEAD Center Advisor.

UCPD must be notified of all high-profile speakers and performers at events, even when speakers/

performers are bringing their own security to the event.

### **Commercial Activity**

University facilities, including Sproul Plaza, may not be used for any fundraising or commercial activities without approval from Event Services. RSOs may get permission to fundraise by completing the Fundraising Certification Quiz. Other commercial activity, including bringing third party business and/or vendors to campus, must be cleared through Event Services.

### **Poker, Casino Games, Games of Chance, and Free Drawing Guidelines**

With certain exception, lotteries and gambling are illegal in California. A casino night or free drawing, however, may be held with prior approval from the LEAD Center, adhering to all Berkeley Campus Regulations and procedures, and in accordance with the following:

#### **Casino Night & Games of Chance**

- There can be no entrance or advance registration fee. Donations may be requested. Any donations received, must go to an approved student group, campus unit or charitable organization. If you are requesting donations, make sure that your group is certified to fundraise
- Scrip or chips must be used for play, no money can be used. Scrip and or chips must be distributed free with no connection to any voluntary donation.
- Chips, scrips, or other symbols of winnings may be exchanged for prizes or gifts, excluding money (cash, check, etc.)

#### **Free Drawing**

- All persons who request a ticket must be accommodated
- A donation, purchase, or any other form of payment or consideration cannot be required to obtain a ticket for the drawing
- You must clearly stipulate on the drawing ticket:
  - The date, time, and place of the drawing
  - Whether or not the ticket holder must be present to win
  - The name of the sponsoring student group
  - The organization benefiting from the drawing, if any
  - A list of prizes
  - That no donation, purchase or any other form of payment or consideration is necessary to participate.

Your organization must possess the item or items to be given away before tickets are distributed. You must implement an accounting system for ticket distribution, and donation collection. You may use only "drawing" or "free drawing" on the ticket and any other media connected with the event. The words "raffle" or "lottery" must not be used.

### **Date or Slave Auctions**

The University of California, Berkeley strongly values equity, civility, and respect in all of its institutional endeavors. The LEAD Center encourages all registered student organizations to consider and uphold these values when planning events and activities for their members and the university community.

Occasionally, organizations will hold “date” or “slave” auction events as a fundraiser for their own organization or another non-profit group. While the LEAD Center recognizes that groups who do organize and/or participate in these types of events usually do so with good intentions, we would like to challenge organizations to think more in depth about these types of events and their potential effects on the campus community. Additionally, we would like to empower organizations to hold alternative events.

“Date” or “slave” auctions involve the process of bidding on a human being for the services or the ability to spend time with a certain person. This process devalues a human being to the level of merchandise and involves a comparison of the relative “value” of each person being auctioned. This process has the appearance of actual slave auctions, which are a real and tragic part of this nation’s history.

Furthermore, we would like organizations to consider the safety concerns that arise as a result of “date” auctions. When a person “wins” the ability to spend time with another person, there is no way of telling what their true motives are. Given the prevalence of sexual assault in our culture, safety concerns exist if you allow a member of your organization to be compelled to spend time alone with someone that she/he may not know.

For these reasons and more, the LEAD Center strongly encourages student organizations to avoid coordinating and/or participating in date and slave auctions. If you would like to organize an alternative fundraising event, your LEAD Center advisor can help you come up with ideas. Adapted from the University of Michigan Guidebook for Student Organizations and the University of Texas - Austin Student Organization Manual.