

## Chalking Policy

- I. It is the policy of Michigan Technological University to allow *chalking* provided that:
  - A. It takes place on concrete sidewalks; not on buildings, steps, or other University-owned property.
  - B. The only material that may be used to mark on the sidewalks shall be water soluble chalk without use of fixatives. No spray chalk or semi-permanent or permanent materials may be used for chalking.
  - C. The message/artwork is identified as being sponsored by a *University community member*.
  - D. The message is not directed as a *threat*, as defined below, to any University community member, individual or group.
  - E. The message is not *discriminatory*, as defined below.
  - F. The chalking in no way defaces or alters a previous chalking.
  
- II. Definitions
  - A. Chalking: drawing or writing on concrete sidewalks with water soluble chalk (commonly known as "sidewalk chalk").
  - B. University Community Member: any recognized student organization, university department, staff member, faculty member, or enrolled student of Michigan Technological University.
  - C. Threat: any time an individual creating a chalking means to communicate a serious expression of an intent to commit an act of unlawful violence to a particular individual or group.
  - D. Discriminatory: discriminatory in a way that violates or causes the university to violate state or federal law, or that otherwise violates University policy, in regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, height, weight, marital status, disabled veteran status, veteran status, arrest record, or disability

### III. Procedures for Chalking Policy

Complaints under the chalking policy can be made to the Dean of Students or Public Safety. In cases involving a *threat*, Public Safety shall be notified immediately.

- A. In circumstances where one University community member has lodged a complaint about a chalking sponsored by another University community member, the Dean of Students has the discretion to initiate a mediation session between the members to attempt to resolve the complaint, or to follow disciplinary procedures under the Code of Community Conduct.
- B. Any chalking constituting a *threat* or *discriminatory* as defined in the chalking policy shall be removed immediately by Public Safety or its designee.
- C. If a chalking is not sponsored by a University community member it shall be removed by Public Safety or its designee.
- D. If a chalking does not fall under Paragraph III.B or III.C, and is found to be defacing/altering an existing chalking, the University community member sponsoring the existing chalking shall be presented with the following options by the Dean of Students:
  - i. Immediate removal of the defacing chalking.
  - ii. Removal of the defacing chalking after a period of 24 hours.
  - iii. No removal of the defacing chalking.