

## **The Detroit Mercy ROCK Rules**

*Approved and put into effect by the Student Life Office September 2016 Fall Semester.*

1. The Rock may only be painted between 8:00 am. and 11:00 p.m., with no defacing, modifying or repainting of the Rock until the following morning at 8am and time being kept by those painting the Rock. Only exception to this will be Friday and Saturday night when the end time can be 2:00am. A member from the Org/Club Leadership team must be present during the painting of the Rock.
2. Only the rock may be painted. DO NOT paint the grass, trees, sidewalk, buildings, or dispose of paint in trash cans or dumpsters etc.
3. Only paint may be put on the Rock (however, no oil based paint may be used). Foreign materials such as cooking oil, grass, cheese wiz, carpet, wallpaper, cotton balls, etc. are not permitted.
4. The Rock can be guarded/claimed/painted again by another campus organization starting at 8:00 a.m. the following morning after the day of it being painted. If the Rock is not claimed by 8:00 a.m., then the group who previously painted the Rock can paint it again. The Rock cannot be guarded between 11pm-8am. Exception: If a registered campus organization or department needs the Rock reserved for an extended time and/or for a special event a reservation must be filed at the Student Life Office and then placed on the Rock calendar.
5. The Rock cannot be stolen if there are at least two people who are either active members or new recruits/new members at least one of whom is awake guarding the Rock. The “guarded” area of the Rock is only on the bench- ring area surrounding the Rock. It does not include the grass or sidewalk.
6. Stealing/borrowing of someone else’s property is prohibited (Thou shall not steal or borrow).
7. Stealing and painting the Rock (two entirely separate situations) entails covering (not crossing out) all previous “art” that does not pertain to your organization (e.g. symbols, names, letters, motto, etc.)
8. “Tagging” of the Rock is not allowed. In the case the Rock is tagged that original organization then has until 11 p.m. to fix the tagged Rock. Disrespecting another organization will not be tolerated!!!!
9. Situations arising outside of those defined in this document are subject to be ruled upon at the discretion of the joint body of Greek governing boards (IFC, NPHC, and NPC), SGA for Non-Greek Student Orgs and Student Affairs staff.
10. The organization that owns the Rock is responsible for cleaning up the entire area as well as bathrooms used for clean-up of painting materials. Proper disposal of paint is that it must be entirely dry before disposal. Failure to do so will lead to loss of rock privileges and/or fines/charges.
11. If your organization possesses the Rock, it possesses what’s happening to the Rock. Reports of all problems go to Public Safety and Student Affairs.
12. ORL (Office of Residence Life), PSO (Public Safety Office), and SLO (Student Life Office) reserve the right to enforce reasonable quiet, including requirement to vacate the Rock. ORL and Student Affairs will enforce the 2 strike policy if there are violations of the Rock Rules.
13. Alcohol is prohibited outdoors by State of Michigan Law. Public Safety is bound by law to enforce it.
14. No University of Detroit Mercy property may be used at the Rock.

### **UDM Rock Rules (addendum)**

1. In keeping with the University's posting policy in the Student Handbook, The Rock should be painted in good taste and be respectful of the values and mission of the University of Detroit Mercy.
2. Painting out of compliance with this policy or failing to adhere to this policy may lose rights and privileges determined by the University.

Dean of Students Office

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### **Rock Violation Repercussion Guidelines**

If a student organization is found to violate the rules of the rock, or prove to be difficult/combatative when dealing with campus authorities Greek Council, SGA and/or Student Affairs staff will be notified. Residence Life or Student Affairs will administer sanction to the offending organization. Under no circumstances is it acceptable OR tolerable to be uncooperative with campus staff when the complaint is being addressed. If the organization is uncooperative, the staff has the right to dismiss the organization from the rock. Being disrespectful of the rock or the university's property will make the organization eligible to receive these offenses. The sanction given to the organization will follow the guidelines set in this document, though adjustments can be made at the discretion of the University based on severity of offense or other factors. Quiet Hours start at 11:00pm and run until 8am.

The sanctions will be in the following 2 strike format:

First Offense:

- \$200 fine
- Calendar week suspension

Second Offense:

- \$300
- Banned from painting rock for the duration of the semester

The Rock Rules time and details are for ALL organizations on campus. Each organization is accountable for their visitors.

Effective September 2016.

Our organization has read these rules, communicated them to our members and understands their implications.

Signed (President of club/org): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_