NASPA releases resource for addressing campus protests

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education releases its newest edition of Legal Links titled “Responding to Campus Protests: A Practitioner Resource.” Published in partnership between the Education Law Association (ELA) and NASPA’s Research and Policy Institute (RPI), the issue offers student affairs professionals a resource for addressing campus protests while honoring First Amendment principles of free speech, promoting inclusion, and maintaining campus safety and order.

Divided into several short articles, this issue identified key legal rules applicable to campus protests and suggests policy language for student codes of conduct. It also distinguishes between practices at private and public institutions, presents advice on partnership with campus police, highlights an institution’s response to civil disobedience on its campus and presents an easy-to-follow guide for campus leaders through a series of questions and answers.

Given recent protests at Princeton University over the choking death of Eric Garner and protests at many campuses following the death of Michael Brown, this document is timely for student affairs professionals.

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