




Memorandum

TO: Arnold Combe
FROM: Jim Parker 
DATE: May 8, 1996
SUBJECT: Letter regarding Solicitation

The University of Utah frequently receives requests from suppliers to sell products on campus directly to students and personnel. The University has always disallowed these requests for the following reasons:

1. The University of Utah is a public institution with an educational, research, and public service mission. Individuals employed by the University are on campus to perform their responsibilities related to this mission. Allowing solicitation by vendors directly to employees could jeopardize the tax exempt status of the institution.
2. The University's liability and worker's compensation insurance does not cover this type of activity.
3. Access to many areas on campus is restricted. Salespersons roaming the campus would create additional security issues.
4. The University does not have the capacity to allow for parking of salespersons.
5. In addition to interfering with the work of employees and the education of students, allowing solicitation on campus would create additional legal liability for the institution by implying endorsement of items and services solicited.

In summary, the University is no different than most governmental entities and large corporations with regard to solicitation. Solicitation is not allowed.