



ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Chapter 4 Academic Affairs

4500

AP 4500 Student News Media

Philosophy

College news media are any news/feature publications issued under the name of the College, funded by the District, and produced by students as an integral part of related instructional programs. It may include, but is not limited to, student newspaper reporting, broadcast news journalism, and internet news journalism. The term "editorial" refers to all content other than advertising.

College news media, as laboratory publications of the College curriculum, shall provide vehicles to train students for careers in mass communication. College news media shall also serve the entire College community by reporting the news, including College events and activities, providing a forum for comment and criticism, and encouraging free expression as guaranteed in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

College news media are valuable aids in establishing and maintaining an atmosphere of free and responsible discussion. College news media shall exercise editorial freedom in order to maintain their integrity as vehicles for free inquiry and free expression in the college community. At the same time, the editorial freedom of the College news media shall entail the following corollary responsibilities:

Each College newspaper or other news medium is published as a learning experience, offered as part of the College curriculum. The editorial and advertising materials published in each news medium, including any opinions expressed, are the responsibility of the student staff. An editorial board should be formed for the news media involved. Under appropriate state and federal court decisions, these materials are free from prior restraint by virtue of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. These procedures are adopted so as to encourage a responsible exercise of such freedom.

Journalism Grievance Procedures

Students are encouraged to pursue academic studies and other College sponsored activities that will promote intellectual growth and personal development. Procedures for grievances and complaints are described in the College Catalog and are posted on the College website under Student Complaints and Grievances.



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References: *Title 5 Sections 55031- 55034*

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