

Polk State College Procedure

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Student Media		4/26/2012	5021

I. Purpose

To establish a procedure in regard to the rights and responsibilities attached to the production and distribution of publications and/or other media productions by students.

II. Procedure

A. Role of Student Media

Student media provides an important means of encouraging an atmosphere of responsible discussion and intellectual exploration, while providing those students directly involved with the opportunity to gain practical experience in all aspects of production.

B. Editorial/Content Policies

1. To foster an atmosphere of open inquiry and discussion, and to provide that experience, the College ensures responsible freedom in editorial policies consistent with those educational aims. Insofar as they are dedicated to responsible inquiry and are an outlet for responsible opinion or expression, and a forum for responsible discussion, student media will enjoy the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America, neither interfered with nor impeded by the College or any of its agencies, staff, faculty, or administration. The opportunity for expression which invites or stimulates heated discussion or debate, or which criticizes actions of school officials or policies is provided.
2. This freedom entails corollary responsibilities that are governed by the general canons of the professional media. Among these are accurate, fair, and equitable reporting of the news, and the avoidance of libel, indecency, undocumented allegations, attacks on personal integrity, and the techniques of harassment and innuendo.
3. All College-produced media must state explicitly that the opinions expressed are not those of the faculty, staff, administration, or students of Polk State College.
4. All media are expected not only to observe the standards of their respective professions, but also those regulations and standards established by government agencies.

C. Budget and Expenditure Policies

Publications and other student media productions that are sponsored and/or funded by the College (Student Activity Fees) are the joint efforts of Student Activities and the appropriate academic division. All matters of budget and expenditures including budget requests and purchase orders require the approval of the appropriate dean.

D. Oversight and Membership

All student media productions must have a faculty or staff advisor. In order to participate, students must be currently enrolled and in good academic standing.

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