Chapter 3 – General Institution

AP 3900 Freedom of Expression (Speech: Time, Place, and Manner)

Reference:

Education Code Section 76120

The students of the College, its personnel, and members of the public shall be permitted to exercise their rights of free expression subject to the time, place, and manner policies and procedures contained in Board Policy 3900 and these procedures.

The College is a non-public forum, except for designated areas generally available to students and the community, as follows:

- The areas generally available to students and the community are limited public forums. The College reserves the right to revoke that designation and apply a non-public forum designation.
- The College reserves the right to designate areas as non-public forums as necessary to prevent the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the College. Areas of the College that are non-public forums specifically include campus offices, classrooms, warehouses, maintenance yards, and locker rooms.

The use of areas generally available to students and the community is subject to the following:

- Persons using areas generally available to students and the community and/or distributing material in the areas generally available to students and the community shall not impede the progress of passersby, nor shall they force passersby to take material.
- No person using areas generally available to students and the community shall touch, strike or impede the progress of passersby, except for incidental or accidental contact, or contact initiated by a passerby.
- Persons using areas generally available to students and the community shall not use any means of amplification that creates a noise or diversion that disturbs or tends to disturb the orderly conduct of the campus or classes taking place at that time.
- No persons using the areas generally available to students and the community shall solicit donations of money, through direct requests for funds, sales of tickets or otherwise, except where he or she is using the areas generally available to students and the community on behalf of and collecting funds for an organization that is registered with the Secretary of State as a nonprofit corporation or is an approved Associated Students Organization or club.

All persons using the areas of the College generally available to students and the community shall be allowed to distribute petitions, circulars, leaflets, newspapers, and other printed matter. Such distribution shall take place only within the areas generally available to students and the community. Material distributed in the areas generally available to students and the community that is discarded or dropped in or around the areas generally available to students and the community other than in an appropriate receptacle must be retrieved and removed or properly discarded that day by those persons distributing the material prior to their departure from the areas generally available to students and the community.

Posting:

Students shall be provided with bulletin boards for use in posting student materials at campus locations convenient for student use. All materials displayed on a bulletin board shall clearly indicate the author or agency responsible for its production and shall be dated with the date of posting and the expiration date by the Student Life Staff. Materials displayed shall be removed immediately after the passage of the expiration date.

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