

BP 3900 Speech: Time, Place, and Manner

References:

NWCCU 2020 Standard 2.B.2

Rogue Community College and the Rogue Community College Board of Education believe that freedom of expression is essential to the fulfillment of our mission, values, and goals. The purpose of this policy is to affirm this commitment and ensure that students, employees, and members of the public shall be free to exercise their rights of free expression, subject to the requirements of this policy.

The campuses and centers of Rogue Community College are non-public forums, except for those areas that are designated public forums available for the exercise of expression by students, employees, and members of the public.

Speech shall be prohibited that is defamatory, obscene according to current legal standards, or which so incites others as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on Rogue Community College's property or the violation of Rogue Community College's policies or procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of Rogue Community College.

The College President shall enact such administrative procedures as are necessary to reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of the exercise of free expression in the designated public forums.

The administrative procedures promulgated by the Rogue Community College shall not prohibit the right of students to exercise free expression, including but not limited to the use of bulletin boards, the distribution of printed materials or petitions, and the wearing of buttons, badges, or other insignia.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the regulation of hate violence directed at students in a manner that denies their full participation in the educational process, so long as the board policy conforms to the requirements of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and state law. Students may be disciplined for harassment, threats, or intimidation unless such speech is constitutionally protected.

Rescinds Policy Number: II.A. 010, VII.C.060

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