

Policy Manual



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GENERAL STATEMENT

Broward College (the “College”) supports both limited public fora and nonpublic fora student media. Limited public fora student media are established for students of the College to publish news, information, and opinions of general public concern which the students themselves select without interference by the College. Nonpublic fora student media are those student publications which are established by the College to publish news, information and opinions which the College itself deems appropriate for publication. With respect to limited public fora student media, the College neither censors nor approves contents, with respect to nonpublic fora student media, the College itself reviews and approves all contents prior to publication.

THE POLICY AND THE STUDENT

All limited public fora student media shall explicitly state in each separate edition that the content contained therein is that of the editors and writers and has not been reviewed or approved by the College. Although the College provides resources for limited public fora student media, the College is not responsible for any harm caused by publication of content published in limited public for a student media. Student editors and writers who publish through limited public fora student media shall themselves be responsible for any harm done by material that they choose to publish.

THE POLICY AND THE FACULTY AND STAFF

The Faculty or Staff Advisor of any limited public fora student media may review in advance of publication any content students select for publication and may advise students with respect to whether the contents are consistent with the practices of good journalism, journalistic ethics, applicable rules of spelling and grammar, the potential consequences of publication and whether legal review of contents prior to publication is recommended, but may not stop publication of any content. The Faculty or Staff Advisor of each limited public fora student media shall periodically select the editors and writers for the student media and shall have the authority to remove student editors and writers for any reason other than disagreement with prior content or expected future content.

The Faculty or Staff Advisor of any nonpublic fora student media shall have the right to control all aspects of the content included in that media, including editorial material and advertising. The Faculty or Staff Advisor of each nonpublic fora student media also shall have the authority to select and remove student editors and writers for any purpose, including disagreement with content created or selected for publication by students.

By establishing limited public fora student media, the College does not commit itself to continued funding or support of any student media. Funding and support of any limited public fora student media may be reduced or discontinued at any given time and for any reason other than disagreement with content previously published or disagreement with content expected to be published in the future.

All aspects of the Student Code of Conduct shall apply to student editors and writers for all types of student media.

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A Student Media Advisory Council shall be established to support the mission of student publications and to enhance positive community participation in student publication efforts, specifically in the areas of:

1. Serving as a liaison between student publications and other parts of the College
2. Enhancing College-wide support for student publications
3. Reviewing advisors' selection of editors

The Student Media Advisory Council shall not exercise editorial control over student publications at the College.

IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT

The Associate Vice President for Student Life & Ombudsperson, under the direction of the Vice President for Student Services is responsible for the implementation and oversight of policy compliance. Students who wish to grieve a decision of a student media adviser may appeal in writing to the Associate Vice President for Student Life & Ombudsperson within 5 business days of the decision. The Associate Vice President for Student Life & Ombudsperson will consider the appeal and render a decision within 5 business days after receiving the request from the student. If the student is not satisfied with the response of the Associate Vice President for Student Life & Ombudsperson, he/she may appeal in writing to the Vice President for Student Services within 5 business days after the decision is rendered by the Associate Vice President. The Vice President for Student Services will render a decision within 5 business days after receiving the request from the student. The decision of the Vice President for Student Services shall be final.

VIOLATION OF POLICY

Students who violate this policy may be suspended from participation from student media, lose their student media scholarship, and may be subject to discipline through the College Student Code of Conduct.

DEFINITIONS

Student Media - refers to print, broadcast, electronic, or other media that are primarily produced by College students and funded whole or in part by the College.

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