

# Policy Manual



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## GENERAL STATEMENT

Broward College (“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 the publication of the 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.

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

## IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT

The Associate Vice Provost for Student Life & Ombudsperson, under the direction of the Vice Provost for Student Services, is responsible for the implementation and oversight of policy compliance.

## 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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