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Note:

For expression and use of College District facilities and grounds by students and registered student organizations, see FLA. For expression and use of College District facilities and grounds by the community, including by nonstudents and organizations that are not registered student organizations, see GD. For use of the College District's internal mail system, see CHE.

Distribution of Literature

Written or printed materials, handbills, photographs, pictures, films, tapes, or other visual or auditory materials not sponsored by the College District shall not be sold, circulated, distributed, or posted on any College District premises by any employee or employee organization, except in accordance with Board policy (For additional information see CT(Legal) and CT(Local).

The College District shall not be responsible for, nor shall the College District endorse, the contents of any materials distributed by an employee or employee organization.

Limitations on Content

Materials shall not be distributed by an employee or employee organization on College District property if:

- 1. The materials are obscene;
- 2. The materials contain defamatory statements about public figures or others:
- 3. The materials advocate imminent lawless or disruptive action and are likely to incite or produce such action;
- 4. The materials are considered prohibited harassment [see DIA series and FFD series];
- 5. The materials constitute non-permissible solicitation (For additional information see FI(Local)); or
- 6. The materials infringe upon intellectual property rights of the College District [see CT].

Time, Place, and Manner Restrictions

Distribution of materials shall be conducted in a manner that:

- 1. Is not disruptive to College District operations;
- Does not impede reasonable access to College District facilities;
- Does not result in damage to College District property;
- 4. Does not interfere with the rights of others; and

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5. Does not violate local, state, or federal laws or College District policies and procedures.

The distributor shall clean the area around which the literature was distributed of any materials that were discarded or leftover.

The President or designee shall designate times, locations, and means by which materials that are appropriate for distribution, as provided in this policy, may be made available or distributed by employees or employee organizations to employees or others in College District facilities and areas that are not considered common outdoor areas.

Use of Facilities and Grounds

In accordance with rules and regulations regarding use of buildings, grounds, and equipment, the College President or designee shall approve all applications from employees or employee organizations for the use of College District property and College District rentals.

Facilities shall be used for meetings or other events in accordance with the mission of the College District and for the benefit of the College District community. Facilities shall not be used for personal events (for example, weddings or personal parties).

Facilities shall not be rented or leased on a long-term basis without prior approval of the Board.

College District use shall have the highest priority in terms of facility usage, i.e., credit classes, workforce education classes, intercollegiate sports, credit-free classes, and student activities have prior claim on all facilities. Facility use for events other than those sponsored by the College District shall be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Requests

To request permission to meet or host a speaker in College District facilities, interested employees or employee organizations shall file a written request with the President or designee in accordance with administrative procedures.

The employees or the employee organization making the request shall indicate that they have read and understand the policies and rules governing use of College District facilities and that they will abide by those rules.

Approval

The President or designee shall approve or reject the request in accordance with provisions and deadlines set out in this policy and administrative procedures, without regard to the religious, political,

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philosophical, ideological, academic viewpoint, or other content of the speech likely to be associated with the employees' or employee organization's use of the facility.

Approval shall not be granted when the official has reasonable grounds to believe that:

- The College District facility requested is unavailable, inadequate, or inappropriate to accommodate the proposed use at the time requested;
- 2. The applicant is under a disciplinary penalty or sanction prohibiting the use of the facility;
- 3. The proposed use includes non-permissible solicitation;
- The proposed use would constitute an immediate and actual danger to the peace or security of the College District that available law enforcement officials could not control with reasonable efforts;
- 5. The applicant owes a monetary debt to the College District and the debt is considered delinquent;
- 6. The proposed activity would disrupt or disturb the regular academic program;
- 7. The proposed use would result in damage to or defacement of property or the applicant has previously damaged College District property; or
- 8. The proposed activity would constitute an unauthorized joint sponsorship with an outside group.

The President or designee shall provide the applicant a written statement of the grounds for rejection if a request is denied.

Common Outdoor Area Exception Common outdoor areas are traditional public forums and are not subject to the same approval procedures. Employees and employee organizations may engage in expressive activities in designated outdoor areas, unless:

- 1. The person's conduct is unlawful;
- 2. The use would constitute an immediate and actual danger to the peace or security of the College District that available law enforcement officials could not control with reasonable efforts;
- 3. The use would materially or substantially disrupt or disturb the regular academic program; or
- 4. The use would result in damage to or defacement of property.

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Announcements and Publicity

In accordance with administrative procedures, all employees and employee organizations shall be given access on the same basis for making announcements and publicizing their meetings and ac-

tivities.

Identification Employees and employee organizations using College District fa-

cilities must provide identification when requested to do so by a

College District representative.

Violations Failure to comply with this policy and associated procedures shall

result in appropriate administrative action, including but not limited to, suspension of an employee's or employee organization's use of College District facilities and/or other disciplinary action in accordance with the College District's policies and procedures and the

employee handbook.

Interference with Expression

Faculty, students, or student organizations that interfere with the expressive activities permitted by this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the College District's discipline

policies and procedures. [See DH, FM, and FMA]

Appeals Decisions made by the administration under this policy may be ap-

pealed in accordance with College policy and procedures.

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