# 1005. ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH: TIME, PLACE AND MANNER

It is the policy of the Long Beach Community College District that students, employees of the District and members of the public shall be free to exercise their rights of free expression, subject to the requirements contained in Board Policy and these procedures.

Grounds are open to the public generally between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., these areas are generally closed to all activities.

1005.1 This regulation shall be administered by the Dean of Student Affairs.

#### 1005.2 Definitions

- A. Expressive Activity any of the following activities:
  - 1. Meetings and other group activities of students, employees of the District and members of the public;
  - 2. Speeches, performances, demonstrations, rallies, vigils, and other events by students, employees of the District and members of the public;
  - 3. Distributions of literature, such as leafleting and pamphleting or use of bulletin boards;
  - 4. The wearing of buttons, badges, or other insignia; and
  - 5. Any other expression protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
- B. Student One who is currently enrolled at LBCC or is eligible for reenrollment.
- C. Employee of the District Individuals employed by any academic or non-academic department or division or other official District entity without regard to type of monetary compensation.
- D. Member of the Public Anyone who is not enrolled at the college or who is not an employee of the District.

All locations of the District, including both the Liberal Arts and Pacific Coast Campuses, are non-public forums, except those areas that are designated public forums available for the exercise of expression by students, employees of the District and members of the public.

Grassy areas and walkways, chosen to provide visibility and allow communication to a large number of students, administrators, faculty and others walking or traveling on campus are reserved for expressive activities. These areas are permitted for expressive activities that are lawful, and do not disrupt educational and other activities of the District on behalf of the students. The District reserves the right to re-designate these spaces as non-public forums as necessary in order to accommodate temporary changes in the orderly operations of the college.

The District reserves the right to designate areas as non-public forums as necessary to prevent the substantial disruption of the orderly operations of the college. Areas of the college that are non-public forums specifically include campus offices, classrooms, warehouses, maintenance yards, locker rooms, and any other areas not specified above.

# <u>1005.4</u> <u>Guidelines for Public Forum Areas Designated for Expressive Activities</u>

- A. No person using the areas shall touch, strike, or physically impede the progress of passersby, except for incidental or accidental contact or contact initiated by a passerby.
- B. Persons using areas shall not use any means of amplification that creates a noise or diversion that disturbs the orderly conduct of the campus or classes taking place at that time.
- C. Persons using the areas shall not disrupt the orderly operation of the college.
- D. Persons using the areas shall not camp or lodge, except in authorized facilities or locations.
- E. Persons using the areas shall not engage in threatening or intimidating conduct toward any other person or exhibit disorderly or lewd conduct.
- F. Persons using the areas shall adhere to all District Policies and Regulations and shall comply with the directions of a District Official acting in the performance of his or her duties.
- G. Speech that is defamatory, obscene according to the current legal standards, or which incites others as to create a clear and present danger or the commission of unlawful acts on District property or the



- violation of District Policies or Regulations, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District, is prohibited.
- H. No illegal activities or activities that violate District or campus rules will be permitted, including rules and laws on illegal harassment and discrimination, and none that will substantially interfere with or disrupt activities already scheduled for that day and time in the designated area.

### 1005.5 Procedures

- A. Members of the public wishing to engage in Expressive Activities on campus in areas designated for public forums must check in with the District to the Office of Student Life prior to engaging in the activity.
- B. An advance approval process is not necessary prior to checking in with the Office of Student Life. Members of the public are able to make reservations in advance to use the areas designated for expressive activities, through the use of reservation forms available in the Office of Student Life.
- C. If the desired public forum area has already been reserved for another activity that would cause interference based on noise, overcrowding, or other considerations unrelated to content, the District will offer alternative available areas, or if none are available, offer alternative dates.

### 1005.6 Distribution of Literature, Petitions

- A. Petitions, Circulars, Leaflets, Newspapers and other printed materials may be distributed in Public Forum Areas only.
- B. Persons distributing printed materials must make every reasonable effort to clear or retrieve discarded or dropped materials from in and around the area.
- C. Petitions may not be circulated in classrooms, campuses offices, warehouses, maintenance yards, or locker rooms.

# 1005.7 Posting of Literature, Signs, or Banners

Bulletin boards shall be provided for use in posting materials at campus locations convenient for use by students, employees of the District, and members of the public.

A. Posting areas are defined as follows:

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- General Announcement Boards: These bulletin boards are for all members of the college community and are located throughout the campuses. These announcements must carry the stamp of the Office of Student Life. These boards will be cleared the last day of each month.
- 2. Rolling Boards: These are available for publicizing campus-wide activities only, and are located in the quad areas of both campuses and must carry the stamp of the Office of Student Life and shall be removed one school day following the publicized event by students responsible for posting.
- 3. Free Posting Board: These boards are available for students and community personal announcements or messages. These boards will be cleared the last day of each month.
- B. Advertising on campus by off-campus interests is prohibited, unless posted on the "Free Posting Boards" or by submitting an advertisement to the Viking newspaper.
- C. Temporary portable displays are permitted for a maximum of three (3) school days and must be staffed during display times. The display must contain the name of the sponsoring group and be removed from campus daily. Exceptions must be cleared with the Office of Student Life.
- D. Posting not allowed on walls.

Nothing in this policy or procedure shall prohibit the regulation of hate violence directed at students in a manner that denies their full participation in the educational process (Education Code Section 66301(e)), so long as the regulation conforms to the requirements of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and of Section 2 of Article 1 of the California Constitution. Students may be disciplined for harassment, threats, or intimidation unless such speech is constitutionally protected.

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