

General Institution

BP 3900 Speech: Time, Place, and Manner

References:

Education Code Sections 66301 and 76120
BP 3430, 5500, and related APs

Students, employees, and members of the public shall be free to exercise their rights of free expression, subject to the requirements of this policy. As a general rule, the outdoor common areas of the colleges are considered public forums.

The Chancellor 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. In addition, the administrative procedure may specify areas of the college(s) which are non public forums.

The administrative procedures promulgated by the Chancellor 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 in those parts of the college designated as public forums generally available to students and the community, and the wearing of buttons, badges, or other insignia.

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 District property or the violation of District policies or procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District.

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 (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.

Further information on speech and academic freedom for faculty can be found in the collective bargaining agreement.

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