

Title 4 - Codification of Board Policy Statements

Chapter 19

STATEMENTS OF POLICY FOR STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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Section 1. Institutional Policy on Student Publications

1. The Board of Regents recognizes the importance of student publications for a campus community and supports freedom of speech and the press, as protected by the United States Constitution, the Nevada Constitution, federal law, and state law. Pursuant to Senate Bill 420 (Chapter 321, Statutes of Nevada 2017), the President of each university, state college and community college that has a student publication shall establish a written policy which:
 - a. Establishes reasonable provisions governing the time, place and manner for the distribution of student publications;
 - b. Protects the right of expression in a manner consistent with the rights guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution for students working on student publications as journalists in their determination of the news, opinions, feature content, advertising content and other content of the student publications;
 - c. Prohibits, without limitation, the following:
 - i. Restricting the publication of any content in student publications unless the content would substantially disrupt the ability of the institution to perform its educational mission;
 - ii. Dismissing, suspending, disciplining or retaliating against a faculty member, employee or other person acting as an adviser for a student publication or as an adviser to students working as journalists on a student publication for acting within the scope of that position, including, without limitation, taking responsible and appropriate action to protect a student engaged in conduct protected pursuant to the written policy or refusing to perform an action which violates the written policy; and
 - iii. Expelling, suspending or otherwise disciplining a student for engaging in conduct in accordance with the policy, even if such conduct unintentionally leads to a substantial disruption of the ability of the institution to perform its educational mission; and
 - d. Includes a disclaimer indicating that any content published in a student publication is not endorsed by the Board of Regents, the System or a university, state college or community college within the System.
2. Each institution with a student publication shall post a copy of its policy adopted pursuant to this section on its website on or before December 31, 2017.
(B/R 9/17)

Section 2. University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Statement of Policy for Student Publications

The goal of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas student newspaper is to keep the UNLV community informed, involved, and included in the university's history. The focus is to supply university news to the student body. Local and national news will be covered as well. UNLV's student newspaper will aim to uphold the highest standards of journalistic excellence, in accordance with the Society of Professional Journalist's Code of Ethics.

This publication is non-profit. Advertisements, internal support, and partnerships with the community will be the primary source of revenue for printing and production costs.
(B/R 11/18)

Section 3. Great Basin College – Statement of Policy for Student Publications

Recognizing the fact that the Great Basin College is an institution of higher learning designed to serve an entire community, this newspaper will endeavor to meet the needs of the student and non-student population. While the facility itself is located in the City of Elko, "community" will be used in its broadest sense. Thus, all the northeastern Nevada cities and towns will be within the spectrum of the college newspaper. It is not the intent of this publication to supply the latest local and national news. Coverage of college and community related subjects are the main goal. Newsworthy events from other colleges and universities will be presented. Frequently, special feature articles will be offered to the reader.

A truly educational atmosphere is created when one can study the various sides of a controversial issue or point. In keeping with this obligation to inform, and thus allowing the individual an opportunity for making his own decisions, it will be the policy of this paper to follow an objective style of news writing. Editorial opinion will be appropriately labeled. A "by-line" will be used when a story carries the reporter's personal opinion.
(B/R 11/70)

Section 4. University of Nevada, Reno – Statement of Policy for Student Publications

A good newspaper may judge its own performance -- and be judged -- by the criteria that follows:

Accuracy - The newspaper shall:

1. Exert maximum effort to print the truth in all news situations;
2. Strive for completeness and honesty in reporting and writing;
3. Guard against carelessness, bias, or distortion by either emphasis or omission; and
4. Correct promptly errors of fact.

Responsibility - The newspaper shall:

1. Select, edit and display news on the basis of its significance, interest and its genuine usefulness to the public;
2. Edit news affecting public morals with candor and good taste and avoid an imbalance of sensational, preponderantly negative or merely trivial news;
3. Accent when possible a reasonable amount of news which illustrates the values of compassion, self-sacrifice, heroism, good citizenship and patriotism;
4. Clearly define sources of news, tell the reader when competent sources cannot be identified and background with the facts public statements that the newspaper knows to be inaccurate;

5. Uphold the constitutional right of free speech, respect rights of privacy and serve the public by helping to protect all rights and privileges guaranteed by law; and
6. Instruct its staff members to conduct themselves with dignity and decorum while in service to the newspaper.

Integrity - The newspaper shall:

1. Honestly and fairly select and edit its NEWS content to provide impartial treatment of disputed issues and thorough and dispassionate handling of controversial subjects;
2. Practice humility and tolerance in all relations with news sources and the public and respect honest conflicting opinions or disagreement; and
3. Label as EDITORIAL its own views or expressions of opinion and provide in the EDITORIAL page a forum for the exchange of pertinent comment and criticism, especially if it is in conflict with the newspaper's point of view.

Leadership - The newspaper shall:

1. Stimulate and vigorously support public officials, private groups and individuals to increase the good works and eliminate the bad in the community;
2. Serve as a constructive critic of government at all levels, providing leadership for necessary reforms or innovations, and exposing any wrongdoing in office or any misuse of public power; and
3. Oppose selfish and unwholesome interests regardless of their size or influence.

Section 5. Western Nevada College

Recognizing the fact that Western Nevada College is an institution of higher learning designed to serve the communities of Western Nevada served by the College, this newspaper will endeavor to inform, enlighten and entertain the needs of the student and the non-student population. While the faculty is located mostly in the cities of Reno and Carson, the concept of community will be used in its broadest sense. All the communities within Western Nevada served by the College will be within the spectrum of the college newspaper. It is not the intent of this publication to supply the latest local and national news; coverage of college and community related subjects are the main goal. Newsworthy events from other colleges and universities will be presented. Frequently, special feature articles will be offered to the reader.

A truly educational atmosphere is created when one can see the various sides of a controversial issue or point. In keeping with this obligation to inform, enlighten and entertain we will uphold the traditions of a free and unbiased press. Editorial opinion will be appropriately labeled, and a "by-line" will be used when a story carries the reporter's personal opinion.

This publication will be a non-profit self-sufficient paper. It will then be necessary to include advertisement as a source of revenue for printing.

(B/R 10/72)

Section 6. Truckee Meadows Community College

The Truckee Meadows Community College student newspaper will endeavor to inform, enlighten and entertain in response to the needs and interests of students. It is not the sole intent of the publication to supply the latest local and national news; the main goal is to communicate newsworthy events of college and community related subjects. Frequently, special feature articles will be offered to the reader.

A truly educational atmosphere is created when one can see the various sides of a controversial issue or point. In keeping with this obligation to inform, enlighten and entertain, the student newspaper will uphold the traditions of a free and unbiased press and editorial opinion will be appropriately labeled, and a "by-line" will be used when a story carries the reporter's personal opinion.

This publication will be a non-profit self-sufficient paper. Advertisement, as well as student fees, will be the primary source of revenue for printing.

The Truckee Meadows Community College student publications are guided by the College Publications Board, a representative campus body of students, faculty and administration which determines written procedures relating to publication policies, standards, advertising, staffing, funding, and editorial issues. The College Publication Board policies and procedures require the approval of the college President.

(B/R 4/82)

Section 7. College of Southern Nevada – Statement of Policy for Student Publications

In both spirit and letter the intention and practices of all individuals associated with the publication of The Coyote Press is to inform, empower and edify our readership.

The Coyote Press is a Designated Public Forum.

An informed student body is an engaged student body and one that can translate their knowledge into dynamic citizenship, the only protection for the democracy to which we aspire and within which CSN is proud to serve.

As The Coyote Press is not a daily newspaper, we are proud to offer writers greater space and higher expectations for thoughtful submissions than other school papers. The Coyote Press does not guarantee publication of any submission, and reserves the right to edit all submissions for space, grammar and content. All material becomes the property of The Coyote Press, and may be reproduced only with the written consent of the editor and originator of the material prior to secondary/subsequent publication.

Accuracy, integrity, reliability and leadership are the hallmarks of sound journalism.

ACCURACY: Obtaining the best facts is not only the responsibility of the individual reporter but of the editorial staff as well. Fact checking is just as important as fact gathering. If mistakes are made, corrections will be posted as soon as possible.

INTEGRITY: Every staff member, be it a reporter, an editor, an advertising representative, or any other position with Coyote Press is expected to uphold journalistic ethics and codes of conduct. From interviews and research to contacting potential advertisers, ethical standards will be maintained at all times.

RELIABILITY: Every staff member is a reflection on Coyote Press and CSN at large. All staff must be accountable for meeting deadlines whether those deadlines are for advertising, article and photo submissions, or printing and distribution. It is in overcoming potential setbacks that Coyote Press becomes a better publication. Reliability is not limited to meeting deadlines. Knowing that the staff can be counted on to have the best facts and that the information was obtained in an ethical manner also strengthens Coyote Press.

LEADERSHIP: Coyote Press staff, reporters, photographers and editors alike, represent the voice of student journalism CSN. By informing students, staff and faculty of noteworthy happenings, The Coyote Press is a foundation of public opinion. It is not a responsibility that is taken lightly. The Coyote Press is designed not only to be a leader at CSN, but as a platform to propel the leaders of tomorrow.

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