


PROCEDURE

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PURPOSE:

To establish a procedure for the development of student publications and guidelines for the professional and social responsibilities of student-produced publications.

- A. State College of Florida, Manatee – Sarasota (SCF) is recognized as the publisher and producer of all student publications. The College President has certain responsibilities and authority over all student publications even though certain responsibilities and duties may be delegated to individuals or committees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in order to promote the principle of freedom of the press, the College shall not censor content of student publications and shall not require advance approval of content for speech that is protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

- B. SCF will recognize student publications that have been established through and meet all the requirements of a “chartered club” as defined in the Student Organizations Handbook.
 - 1. All “chartered clubs” have the opportunity to request operating funds from the Student Activity Budget Review (SABR) Committee.
 - 2. All business and financial transactions must be in accordance with all state and local laws, regulations, and policies.
 - 3. The cost of printing a student publication may be partially defrayed by the selling of advertising through the authorization of the Student Activities Budget Review (SABR) Committee based on an established fee schedule. The College, as publisher, reserves the right to reject advertising copy or any non-protected speech, which it deems, in its sole discretion, will promote the commission of illegal activities, create a substantial risk of lawless disorder on the College’s campuses/sites/classes, or a material disruption to College activities; constitute an invasion of privacy; or is libelous, false or obscene, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

- C. High standards of literary merit and journalism will be maintained.
 - 1. Each student publication will have a current Operating Procedures Manual to ensure the quality of the production and the implementation of the purposes of the respective student publication.

2. The guarantee of freedom of the press carries with it the same legal responsibilities imposed upon the professional media, to avoid libel, indecency, undocumented allegations, attacks on personal integrity, and the techniques of harassment and innuendo.
 3. Students who participate in student publications will be advised of, and expected to adhere to professional journalistic standards.
- D. All student publications shall explicitly state that *the opinions expressed by the publication are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the District Board of Trustees, faculty, administration or students of State College of Florida, Manatee - Sarasota.*