TREASURE VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AP 3900 Speech: Time, Place, and Manner

References:

NWCCU Standard 2

The students and employees of TVCC and members of the public shall be permitted to exercise their rights of free expression subject to the time, place, and manner provisions of BP 3900 Speech: Time, Place, and Manner and these procedures.

TVCC designates the area between the Weese and Performing Arts buildings for expression of activities as long as such activities do not violate college policy and are lawful. This area is chosen to provide visibility and communication to a large number of students, employees, faculty, and bystanders without disruption to the routine and orderly operation of the College.

- TVCC reserves the right to revoke that designation as to one or more areas and apply a non-public forum or other designation.
- TVCC reserves the right to designate areas as non-public forums as necessary to prevent the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the college. Areas of the college that are non-public forums specifically include college offices, classrooms, warehouses, maintenance yards, locker rooms, and other areas not traditionally designated as a forum for public communication.

The use of these areas reserved and open for expressive activities is subject to the following:

- 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.
- Persons using areas shall not use any means of amplification that disturbs the orderly conduct of the campus or classes taking place at that time.
- Persons using the areas reserved for expressive activities shall not disrupt the orderly operation of the college.
- Violators are liable for repair charges if damage occurs to college property.
- To prevent littering on campus, handbills and other materials may not be placed on the windshields of cars or other vehicles parked on campus.
- Lawn signs are not permitted on college grounds without prior approval.
- Users shall contain their presentation and materials in the designated area.

- Users' conduct shall not impede individuals or pedestrian traffic flow or disrupt the regular or authorized activities in classrooms, offices, and other college facilities.
- Users shall not force passersby to take materials.
- Users shall not conduct themselves in a manner that a reasonable person would believe will lead to imminent danger or harm to individuals or property.
- Users shall not use weapons of any kind or threaten the use of weapons toward other individuals present.
- Users shall not use or promote the use of open flames unless specific permission has been granted to use small handheld candles.
- Users shall not solicit money through direct requests for funds or sales of any kind, except when using the designated area(s) on behalf of and collecting funds for an organization that is registered with the Secretary of State as a nonprofit corporation or is an approved Associated Student Government organization or club.

Free Speech Area
If a counter-advocate group wishes to be heard in the same area, the two groups shall remain a minimum of 50 feet away from each other. The first group of people in the outdoor free speech area shall choose the area for their speech, and the counter-advocate group of people shall stay at least 50 feet, at all times, away from the first group of people.

If users violate federal, state, or local laws, including College policies, procedures, or guidelines, the college reserves the right to take action, up to and including stopping the event or closing the college.

The users understand that the use of the TVCC facility or space is at their sole risk and agree that the college shall not be liable for any injuries or damages, claims demand, lawsuits, or cause of action (including attorney fees and other expenses thereto) whatsoever to the user, for property damage, bodily injury, and/or death whether or not caused by negligence, arising out of or connected with the user's use of the Free Speech area. The college shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of the user's personal property.

Non-student community groups wishing to engage in speech or expressive activities on college grounds, in the areas designated as public forums, must notify the Executive Director of Legal and Operations prior to engaging in the activities. This does not involve an advance approval process. No illegal activities or activities which violate TVCC college policies will be permitted. Activities that substantially interfere with or disrupt already scheduled activities in the designated areas, as described below, are not permitted.

In the event the area sought to be used for expressive activities has already been reserved for another activity so that there will be substantial interference or disruption based on noise, overcrowding, or other considerations unrelated to content, TVCC will offer alternative available areas or if none are available, offer alternative dates. Students, outside organizations, and others are encouraged to make reservations in advance to

use the areas for their expressive activities by contacting the Executive Director of Legal and Operations to facilitate the request.

All persons using the areas that are designated public forums shall be allowed to distribute petitions, circulars, leaflets, newspapers, and other printed matter. Those persons distributing printed material must, prior to their departure from the designated area, make reasonable efforts to retrieve, remove, or properly dispose of material that has been discarded or dropped in or around the areas other than in an appropriate receptacle.

Hours of Access
The hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on days the college is open for business. Expressive activities are not permitted outside the hours of operation. Use of the college grounds is not permitted for sleeping, camping, or laying down of bedding at any time.

Posting
Bulletin boards shall be provided for use in posting materials at college locations convenient for use by students, employees, faculty, and members of the public. All materials displayed on a bulletin board shall clearly indicate the author or agency responsible for its production and shall be dated with the date of posting by the Executive Director of Legal and Operations. Materials displayed shall be removed after the passage of ten days. Official TVCC clubs and organizations do not need permission to post flyers.

Approved:

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