BP 3900 Speech: Time, Place, and Manner

References:
NWCCU Standard 2

Students, employees, and members of the public shall be free to exercise their rights of free expression, subject to the requirements of this policy.

No individual shall wear a mask, hood, or other face covering that conceals the individuals identity while engaging in demonstrations, protests, or other expressive activities on College property, except where such covering is worn for a lawful and legitimate purpose, including, but not limited to, a verified medical or disability-related condition, or a sincerely held religious belief or practice. Individuals claiming such an exemption must, upon request by an authorized College official, provide College-issued or government-issued photo identification for the purpose of verifying identity. Failure to comply with such a request may result in that individual's removal from College property.

The College and centers are non-public forums, except for those areas that are designated public forums available for the exercise of expression by students, employees, and members of the public.

The President 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.

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 TVCC's property or the violation of TVCC policies or procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of TVCC.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the regulation of verbal or non-verbal speech directed at students or employees, so long as the board policy conforms to the requirements of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and state law. Students may be disciplined for harassment, threats, or intimidation unless such speech is constitutionally protected.

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