

Southwestern Oregon Community College

BP: 5090 STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Board of Education encourages the development of the official student publications which serve the College community encompassed by the district by authorizing, sponsoring, and financing through general fund and auxiliary fund budget allocations, such official publications.

In the life and growth of a College, student publications constitute valuable media in establishing and maintaining free and responsible discussions, intellectual exploration, and communication between individuals.

Functioning in this role, student publications at the College exist for the purpose of: (1) serving as a laboratory for courses and programs being offered at the College in writing, literature, and journalism; (2) establishing and maintaining a free flow of thought and information to the student body, faculty, administration, staff, and the community; and (3) providing a medium for critical, artistic, and imaginative expression of student thought and opinion.

Final authority and responsibility for operation of the student publication rests with the College Board.

The Board has the responsibility to serve as publisher of the student publication but is not to be involved in ongoing operations and decisions involved in publishing the student publication. The responsibility for developing policies and procedures for operating the student publication is delegated by the Board to the President.

The President may establish a Publication Board for management and oversight of the student publication.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS Chapter 341](#)

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