



**CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL**

Administration Section

*Policy 2.3.5 - Campus Free Speech, Distribution of Material, and
Assembly*

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I. PURPOSE

Free speech, which includes the right to distribute material and peacefully assemble, is central to the College’s academic mission. The College encourages and supports open, vigorous, and civil debate across the full spectrum of society's issues as they present themselves to the College community. However, reasonable limitations on activities on College property are necessary so that the College may fulfill its primary mission of educating students. The purpose of this Policy is to ensure robust protections of free speech without impairing the College’s mission.

II. USE OF SPACE NOT TO AMOUNT TO ENDORSEMENT

The use of outdoor space on the College’s campus does not represent an endorsement or support by the College of the content or viewpoints expressed by the individual or group using the space. The does not discriminate based on content or viewpoint.

III. DESIGNATION OF CAMPUS SPACES

The College’s campus includes a variety of spaces, both indoor and outdoor, including, but not limited to, walkways, roadways, green spaces, hallways, classrooms, conference rooms, laboratory rooms, multipurpose rooms, offices, bathrooms, break rooms, and auditoriums. The status of these spaces is dependent upon the intended use of the spaces, the College’s willingness to open the spaces up for use beyond their intended uses, and the historical and traditional usage of each kind of space. Spaces may be classified as follows:

- **Traditional Public Forums** - Spaces traditionally used for assembly and debate, such as sidewalks and town squares. Restrictions to these spaces may only be time-place-manner restrictions and must be 1) viewpoint- and content-neutral, 2) narrowly tailored in service of a significant governmental interest, and 3) leave open ample alternative channels for expressive activity.

- **Designated Public Forums** - Spaces intentionally designated as being opened to the same extent and subject to the same kinds of restrictions as a traditional public forum.
- **Limited Public Forums** - Spaces intentionally designated as being open for certain groups or for certain topics, such as an auditorium reserved solely for theatrical productions. Restrictions to these spaces may limit speech to certain subjects or types of groups and speakers, but restrictions must be viewpoint-neutral and not favor one view over another.
- **Nonpublic Forums** - Spaces neither traditionally nor intentionally designated for public discourse, such as offices or bathrooms. Restrictions can regulate speech as long as restrictions are reasonable and viewpoint-neutral and not favor one view over another.

IV. PROCEDURE

The President shall adopt procedures for the public use of the College's spaces for free expression, distribution of material, and assembly. Use of indoor spaces and facilities, defined in Policy 2.2.3 - Facility Use and its respective procedures, shall not be inconsistent with this Policy.

REFERENCES

Statutory References	None
Regulatory References	None
Relevant Guidance	None
Policy Manual Cross-References	Referenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Policy 2.2.3 - Facility Use ● Policy 5.3.1 - Overview of Student Rights Referencing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Policy 2.2.3 - Facility Use

POLICY HISTORY

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