

POLICY FOR USE OF COLLEGE PHYSICAL RESOURCES

The District may allow community groups and organizations, profit and non-profit, to use College facilities and equipment, with or without charge, according to the activity. The purpose of this policy is to broadly define the responsibilities and limitations of the College in responding to requests for use of facilities and equipment not related to an educational program of the College. The intent of the policy is to ensure optimum use of College resources and develop and maintain good public relations with community organizations wishing to use College resources.

The Board of Trustees encourages use of the facilities by a broad array of community groups such as civic, cultural, service, religious, political, business, industrial, and public school groups. The Board of Trustees recognizes that the United States Supreme Court has determined that public colleges and universities which open their facilities for use by student and other outside groups and organizations may not exclude such groups because of the content of their speech. The College, as a limited public forum, is available to a broad class of community speakers, including non-religious as well as religious speakers, non-political as well as political speakers.

The Board of Trustees affirms its commitment to providing the Community College District of Monroe County with a limited public forum that maintains political and religious neutrality through equal access to community organizations of all political persuasions and religious viewpoints. This commitment is predicated upon rights guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. The Board of Trustees further affirms that the guarantee of governmental neutrality is respected, not offended, when the College, following neutral criteria and even-handed policies, extends access to community organizations whose ideologies and viewpoints, including religious and political, are broad and diverse.

In furtherance of these objectives, the Board states:

- As a limited public forum, Monroe County Community College neither endorses, adopts, nor advocates any particular religious or political viewpoint. Use of College facilities, as regulated by the Board of Trustees, is provided as a community service consistent with governing law. Approval to use facilities does not necessarily imply approval of the aims and purposes of the sponsoring organization nor the event being planned.
- The President and appropriate administrators shall have the authority to impose reasonable time, manner, and place regulations and may establish any such other rules to avoid interference with the primary educational mission of the College. Disruptive activity will be immediately curtailed and permits will be canceled if the activity invades normal College operations, class routines, and the rights of students and College personnel.
- The College shall have absolute preemptive priority over all non-College groups in use of the facilities. The College reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or alter arrangements for any event, if necessary.
- The community group using the facilities must agree to take reasonable precautions required by the College administration to assure the physical safety of participants, College personnel, and College property, and to release the College from any liability in conjunction with the use of the facility, if so required.

- College administrators shall inform community groups and members of the College community of the manner in which they may engage in constitutionally protected speech and expression at Monroe County Community College. Each organization will accept responsibility for conducting its event in accordance with the standards of orderly conduct generally acceptable to Monroe County Community College.

Cross-References*

Policy 3.14	Policy Concerning Guest Speakers
Procedure 3.15	Guidelines on Speakers for Student Organizations
Procedure 6.18(a)	Procedures for Use of College Facilities
Procedure 6.18(b)	Procedures for Use of College Owned Equipment, Furniture, and Supplies
Procedure 6.18(c)	Procedures for Signs and Posters
Procedure 6.18(d)	Procedures for Use of La-Z-Boy Center
Policy 6.19	Raffles Policy
Policy 6.20	Smoking Policy
Policy 6.21	Drug and Alcohol Policy
Procedure 6.21(a)	MCCC Alcohol Procedures

*Cross-References are updated as needed and are not considered part of policy.

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