

BOARD POLICY

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SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

STUDENT NEWS MEDIA

Student news media are any new/feature publications or broadcasts produced by students as a learning experience that is an integral part of an instructional program. These media include, but are not limited to, a student newspaper, broadcast news journalism, and Internet news journalism.

Student news media, as laboratory publications of the journalism and the communication arts curricula, shall provide vehicles to train students for careers in mass communications. Student news media should also serve the entire college community by reporting the news, including college events and activities, providing a forum for comment and criticism, and encouraging free expression as guaranteed in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Student news media are valuable aids in establishing and maintaining an atmosphere of free and responsible discussion. Student news media exercise editorial freedom in order to maintain their integrity as vehicles for free inquiry and free expression in the college community. At the same time, the editorial freedom of the student news media shall entail corollary responsibilities.

The editorial and advertising materials published in each medium, including any opinions expressed, are the responsibility of the student staff. An editorial board, comprised of members of the student staff, shall be formed for each news medium involved. Under appropriate state and federal court decisions, these materials are free from prior restraint by virtue of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.