

Freedom of Association, Expression, and Inquiry

- 1.1 Students are free to organize and join associations to promote their common interest. In order for a student organization to be recognized and approved, it must meet the established criteria of the Student Government Association. Each approved student organization must have an adviser. The student organization may choose its own faculty or staff adviser who must be an employee of the college. If a student organization does not have an adviser a temporary one will be appointed by the Dean of Student Affairs. Approved student organizations are required to keep a current membership list to be made available upon the request of the Student Government Association and College officials. All organizations should be open to all students without respect to race, gender, gender manifestation, gender identity, religion, national origin, age, color, sexual orientation, veteran status or disability.
- 1.2 Students and student organizations are free to examine and discuss all questions of interest to them and to express opinions publicly and privately. They are free to support causes in an orderly manner so long as they do not disrupt the operations of the College, create a safety risk, or violate the rights of others. RACC reserves the right to impose reasonable time, place and manner limitations on public speech but will not curtail expression based on the viewpoint being expressed. An opinion of a student or a student group is not necessarily that of the College. The College encourages the airing of all facets of issues and topics.
- 1.3 All College-related student events, occurring on/off campus, must be sponsored by either a sanctioned club/organization or be part of programming activities delivered by professional staff. Any limitations on timing, scheduling and location for on-campus events will be directly related to the nature of the forum in which the event is to be held. The College reserves the right to implement reasonable time, place and manner limits consistent with the on-campus location. The College will not limit expression based on the content of the message.

Organizations are allowed to invite to campus any person of their choosing. The College encourages students to utilize the campus as a forum where new ideas are explored, investigated, and put to the scrutiny of critical analysis. The invitation of any person or persons to the campus does not imply that their position is supported or condoned by either the institution or the sponsoring group. When a controversial topic is presented, every effort will be made to use a format which also will provide for the opportunity for dissenting views. Use of College space and facilities is not without limitations. The limitations imposed by the College will be based on time place and manner restrictions consistent with the nature of the facility and not based on the content of the message to be shared.

- 1.4 Students have an opportunity to participate in the formulation and application of College policy through the Student Government Association. The final authority for the establishment of College policy and governance of the College rests with the Board of Trustees and the President of the College.