

WAC 495A-140-040 General policies limiting use. (1) College facilities may not be used for purposes of political campaigning by or for candidates who have filed for public office except for student-sponsored activities or forums.

(2) Religious groups shall not, under any circumstances, use the college facilities as a permanent meeting place. Use may be intermittent only.

(3) The college reserves the right to prohibit the use of college facilities by groups which restrict membership or participation in a manner inconsistent with the college's commitment to nondiscrimination as set forth in its written policies and rules.

(4) Activities of a political or commercial nature will not be approved if they involve the use of promotional signs or posters on buildings, trees, walls, or bulletin boards, or the distribution of samples outside the rooms or facilities to which access has been granted.

(5) These rules shall apply to recognized student groups using college facilities.

(6) Handbills, leaflets, newspapers, and similar materials except those which are commercial, obscene, or unlawful may be distributed only in designated areas on the campus where, and at times when, such distribution will not interfere with the orderly administration of the college affairs or the free flow of traffic. Any distribution of materials as authorized by the designated administrative officer shall not be construed as support or approval of the content by the college community or the board of trustees.

(a) Materials may be distributed free of charge by any student(s), by members of recognized student organizations, or by college employees on or in college facilities at locations specifically designated by the office of student services or designee.

(b) Such handbills, leaflets, newspapers, and related matter must bear identification as to the publishing agency and distributing organization or individual.

(c) All nonstudents will register with the office of student services prior to the distribution of any handbill, leaflet, newspaper, or related matter.

(d) Any person or persons who violate provisions of (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection will be subject to disciplinary action or have their materials removed from the college premises.

(7) Use of audio or sound amplifying equipment is permitted only in locations and at times which will not interfere with the normal conduct of college affairs as determined by the appropriate administrative officer. Any sound amplification device may only be used at a volume that does not disrupt the normal use of classrooms, offices, laboratories, or any previously scheduled college event or activity.

(8) No person or group may use or enter onto college facilities having in their possession firearms, even if licensed to do so, except in the manners outlined in WAC 495A-121-041(9).

(9) The right of peaceful dissent within the college community will be preserved. The college retains the right to take steps to insure the safety of individuals, the continuity of the educational process, and the protection of property. While peaceful dissent is acceptable, violence or disruptive behavior is not a legitimate means of dissent. Should any person, group or organization attempt to resolve differences by means of violence, the college and its officials need not negotiate while such methods are employed.

(10) Orderly picketing and other forms of peaceful dissent are protected activities on and about the college premises. However, interference with free passage through areas where members of the college community have a right to be, interference with ingress and egress to college facilities, interruption of classes, injury to persons, or damage to property exceeds permissible limits.

(11) Where college space is used for an authorized function (such as a class or a public or private meeting under approved sponsorship, administrative functions or service related activities), groups must obey or comply with directions of the designated administrative officer, campus public safety officer, or individual in charge of the meeting.

(12) If a college facility abuts a public area or street, and if student activity, although on public property, unreasonably interferes with ingress and egress to college buildings, the college may choose to impose its own sanctions on the students although remedies might be available through local law enforcement agencies.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 19-20-048, § 495A-140-040, filed 9/25/19, effective 10/26/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.10.140, 42.30.075, chapter 34.05 RCW and 1991 c 238. WSR 92-12-017, § 495A-140-040, filed 5/26/92, effective 6/26/92.]