

### **3900 – Speech: Time, Place, and Manner**

Students, employees, and members of the public shall be free to exercise their rights of free expression, subject to the requirements of this policy.

The facilities of the Columbia Gorge Community College are non-public forums, except for those areas that are designated public forums available for the exercise of expression by students, employees, and members of the public.

The President's Office shall enact such administrative procedures as are necessary to reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of the exercise of free expression in the designated public forums.

The administrative procedures promulgated by the President's Office shall not prohibit the right of students to exercise free expression, including but not limited to the use of bulletin boards, the distribution of printed materials or petitions, and the wearing of buttons, badges, or other insignia.

Speech shall be prohibited that is defamatory, obscene according to current legal standards, or which so incites others as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on Columbia Gorge Community College property or the violation of the Columbia Gorge Community College policies or procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the Columbia Gorge Community College.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the regulation of hate violence directed at students in a manner that denies their full participation in the educational process, so long as the board policy conforms to the requirements of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and state law. Students may be disciplined for harassment, threats, or intimidation unless such speech is constitutionally protected.

#### **Legal Reference(s):**

1. NWCCU Standard 2A.28