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The College President is authorized by the District Board of Trustees to establish, or cause to be established, procedures for student publications. Requests to establish new student publications, to expand existing publications, or to discontinue any publications using College funds, student activity and service fee funds, facilities, or materials, shall be submitted to the College President in accordance with published procedures.

State College of Florida, Manatee – Sarasota endorses the principle of freedom of the press. However, freedom of the press also carries with it certain responsibilities. As such, all student publications in any format, including printed, recorded and electronic, shall be expected to maintain high standards of journalistic responsibility, consistent with the goals and objectives of the College. In order to promote the principle of freedom of the press, the College shall not censor content of student publications and shall not require advance approval of content for speech that is protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. All student publications shall comply with all procedures adopted by the College in regard to such publications.

The College, as publisher/producer of all student publications, shall exercise authority and responsibility to see that students and staff who participate in student publications will be apprised of the expected overriding guideline of quality and responsibility relating to the freedom to learn, to dissent, and to speak freely and be heard.