

**NORTH DAKOTA
STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Policy Manual**

Policy: 507 Student Publications

Effective: August 1, 2015

1. Each institution shall adopt a policy governing publication and management of student publications and other student media published, broadcast or operated at or in the name of the institution, or funded, in whole or in part, by student fees or other institutional funds, distributed or generally made available to members of the student body, and prepared under direction of the institution's student media advisor.
2. Institution policy shall include guidelines applicable to student publications and other student media. The guidelines shall:
 - a. Foster and preserve the conditions necessary for a free student press;
 - b. Protect the rights of student journalists;
 - c. Require compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and policies, including those prohibiting discrimination in hiring or employment;
 - d. To the extent permitted by law, prohibit publication or dissemination of libelous or obscene materials or materials meant to incite imminent lawless action or the substantial disruption of the operations of the institution;
 - e. To the extent permitted by law, restrict advertising that is false, misleading or that promotes illegal activities; and
 - f. Require appropriate disclaimers stating that the institution is not responsible for the content of student publications or broadcasts.
3. Institution officials or employees and student government officers, except those acting as members of the student publications board or committee consistent with applicable laws, regulations or policies, may not attempt to censure or exercise control, directly or indirectly, over the content of student publications and other student media.

Reference: N.D.C.C. ch. 15-10