

Utah Tech University Policy

131: Student Publications



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I. Purpose

- 1.1 Student publications offer a forum for the free exchange of ideas and provide an active learning experience for Utah Tech University (“the University”) students.
- 1.2 The purpose of this policy is to guide the quality and professionalism of the University’s student publications in order to create a meaningful learning experience for students as well as yield high-quality publications.
- 1.3 This policy also defines the function and makeup of the Publications Council, the advisory body for student publications.

II. Scope

- 2.1 This policy applies to all works published by students representing the University. It does not apply to any work that students pursue on their own and outside of their relationship with the University. This policy specifically applies to official, student-created University publications such as newspapers, literary journals, magazines and any other type of printed or digital materials for public distribution.
- 2.2 This policy differs from Policy 148 in that it applies exclusively to student publications, whereas Policy 148 pertains to official University publications representing the University for marketing and communication purposes.

III. Definitions

- 3.1 **Publications Council:** The University’s advisory body for student publications, comprised of relevant representatives working together to guide the quality and professionalism of student publications.

- 3.2 **Student Publications:** A published work created by the University students, including print or digital publications, for the purpose of representing the University.

IV. Policy

- 4.1 The intellectual and visual content of the University's student publications will meet the professional standard of the University's academic environment.
- 4.2 Students will take every measure possible to ensure content is thorough and accurate.
- 4.3 Student publications are guided by the Publications Council, which is chaired by the University's director of public relations.
- 4.3.1 The general purpose of the Publications Council is to promote accuracy and quality in the creation of student publications by serving in an advisory capacity.
- 4.3.2 All editorial advising provided by the Publications Council will be consistent with free speech and press protections of the First Amendment.
- 4.3.3 The Publications Council will meet as needed, but no less than once a year, to fulfill their collective role as a Council.
- 4.3.4 In its advisory role, the Publications Council will be involved in editor selection to ensure the most qualified candidates serve in key leadership roles of student publications.
- 4.3.5 The Publications Council shall, at a minimum, be comprised of:
- 4.3.5.1 Director of Public Relations, Chair
 - 4.3.5.2 Publications Coordinator
 - 4.3.5.3 Director of Student Involvement & Leadership
 - 4.3.5.4 A representative (faculty, staff, or student) from each University publication
 - 4.3.5.5 Community member (with media publication expertise)
- 4.3.6 Publication Council members may add representatives to the Council as deemed necessary and agreed upon by the majority of

the Council.

V. References

5.1 Baylor Student Publications

5.2 University Policy 148: Branded Publications

5.3 Weber State University Student Publications

VI. Procedures – N/A

VII. Addenda – N/A

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