

Dixie State 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 Dixie State University students.
- 1.2 The purpose of this policy is to guide the quality and professionalism of Dixie State 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 Dixie State University. It does not apply to any work that students pursue on their own and outside of their relationship with DSU. 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 Dixie State University for marketing and communication purposes.

III. Definitions

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

- 2.1 *Publications Council*: DSU's advisory body for student publications, comprised of relevant representatives working together to guide the quality and professionalism of student publications.

IV. Policy

- 4.1 The intellectual and visual content of DSU's student publications will meet the professional standard of DSU'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 DSU'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:
- Director of Public Relations, Chair
 - Publications Coordinator
 - Director of Student Involvement & Leadership
 - A representative (faculty, staff or student) from each DSU student publication
 - Community member (with media or publication expertise)

Council members may add representatives to the Publications Council as deemed necessary and agreed upon by the majority of the Council.

V. References

5.1 Weber State University Student Publications: weber.edu/ppm/Policies/7-9_StudentPublications.html

5.2 Baylor Student Publications: baylor.edu/student_policies/index.php?id=38148

VI. Procedures

VII. Addenda

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