

Article VII: Students

Section C: Student Government/Activities

Policy: 010: Student Government

VII.C.010: The RCC student government organization shall be given as great a degree of authority and responsibility in the operation of student affairs as is consistent with state laws and wise operation of the College.

The Board of Education encourages the interest of students in its deliberations and a student representative should report at regularly scheduled Board meetings. Any student is welcome to attend Board meetings.

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Policy 020: Student ID Cards

VII.C.020: An RCC student identification (ID) card will be required for all students registering for six or more credits, regardless of residency. ID cards will be available but optional for students registering for zero to five credits at any location.

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Policy 030: Organizations

VII.C.030: The RCC Board encourages the formation of student organizations as a fulfillment of the interest of the students and as an informal extension of the process of education. The College President shall assure the formulation of rules for recognition of student organizations. Only those recognized organizations shall be considered eligible to share in the rights and privileges of student activities, such as the use of college facilities, channels for publicity and staff sponsorship.

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Policy 040: Club Advisors

VII.C.040: Each recognized RCC student function and organization shall have a staff advisor. It shall be the responsibility of the interested students to find a staff member willing to act as advisor. Advisorship shall be subject to administrative approval.

It is anticipated that students will accept major responsibility for the operation of student functions. Staff members are to provide examples and leadership to the students in charge of student affairs and to assume responsibility only when such personal involvement appears essential for the best interests of students and the College.

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Policy 050: Extracurricular Activities

VII.C.050: The College will encourage a program of student-initiated extracurricular activities as an informal extension of the education process. The administration and students will establish rules for the initiation, conduct, and appraisal of all student-initiated extracurricular activities.

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Policy 060: Guest Speakers

VII.C.060: The RCC Board of Education encourages the free exchange of ideas through the invitation of guest speakers and public lectures at the College. Speakers sponsored by students and/or staff may be invited to speak at RCC in accordance with established administrative procedures. This policy is not intended to:

- Apply to instructors who invite speakers into their classes.
- Deal with issues, which may be perceived as controversial, which are part of classroom material presented by instructors.
Deal with non-college sponsored speakers on campus using a designated Public Forum/Free Speech area(s).

One of the objectives of RCC is to serve as an educational and cultural center. This objective may be furthered through public forums and guest speakers.

The College has the responsibility to develop informed, critical and objective thinking, and such thinking can be best encouraged in an atmosphere assuring a free interchange of ideas. Those responsible for scheduling speakers will attempt to obtain speakers who will present diverse views in the best tradition of the American forum. Speakers should be intellectually stimulating and educationally justifiable. Efforts shall be made to present a balance of views on controversial subjects.

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Policy 070: Public Performance(s)

VII.C.070: Public performance(s) by RCC student groups will be endorsed and encouraged with the reservation that such participation will not interfere unduly with other educational requirements established at the College and that students will not be exploited.

The College will utilize opportunities for students to participate in the RCC students' activities, if such opportunities are educationally sound.

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Policy 080: Contests

VII.C.080: The RCC administration will be responsible for the evaluation of each contest in which students or the College are requested or invited to participate and approve or disapprove such participation. Participation guidelines will be:

1. The contest is held for the purpose of achieving goals that align with the College mission.
2. RCC students who choose to participate will assure educational value commensurate with the effort to be expended by the students and the College.