

Young Democrats: Organization encouraging political awareness and a sense of civic responsibility.

APPROVAL OF FLYERS

Approved student organizations may post flyers when following the appropriate guidelines:

Bring the original flyer to the office of the Dean of Students (Stafford 214) to be stamped and copies can then be made

Include the name of the sponsoring organization on the flyer

Flyers may be approved for a maximum of two weeks

Flyers must be posted on bulletin boards

Maximum size for flyers is 8 ½ x 11 inches

Flyers posted in the Student Union must be approved by the Union Director

Flyers may not be placed on car windshields

Flyers are to be removed by the sponsoring organization following the event

Chalking of sidewalks to advertise events must be done with the approval of the Student Government Association. For a form for chalking, phone 774- 0615 or visit the SGA Center located at College and Broadway.

DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENT-SPONSORED PUBLICATIONS ON CAMPUS

Southwestern Oklahoma State University promotes an intellectually open campus through the free exchange of ideas in written, spoken, and other forms of expression. This freedom of expression is guaranteed by the United States Constitution, supports diverse points of view, and reflects the university's commitment to excellence in education. To that end, Southwestern Oklahoma State University specifically authorizes the distribution by students of written materials, which do not solicit sales on campus within the limits of the following time, place, and manner requirements. Requests to distribute sales solicitations should be directed to the Dean of Students.

Time, Place, and Manner Requirements

Distribution must comply with all local, state and federal laws.

All literature distributed must contain identifying information (either the name of a university sanctioned organization or the name and telephone number or e-mail address of an unaffiliated student) either in the literature or on the box in which it is distributed for a university official to contact.

All literature must be distributed in a location designated by the Dean of Students. Authorization to distribute will generally be content neutral. Any limitations may include requiring: a) scheduling and planning with the appropriate authorized designee; b) restricting or prohibiting the use of certain areas; c) limiting certain forms of expression in specific

areas, and d) reimbursing the University for any costs associated with the use of a facility or area.

All literature may be available for distribution for up to one month. After one month, it will be discarded.

Each university sanctioned organization or unaffiliated student who distributes literature under this policy is responsible for ensuring that the materials are kept in an orderly manner and not creating additional work for university custodians.

The use of any University controlled facility or area for any expression shall not constitute or imply endorsement of the content of that expression by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges, the University or any individual member thereof.

Legal Issues

As an entity of the State of Oklahoma, Southwestern Oklahoma State University is constitutionally limited in its ability to restrict publications on the basis of content. One area in which content can be regulated is obscene material. "Obscene material" is defined by Title 21 Section 1024.1 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The display of materials harmful to minors is prohibited in Title 21 Section 1040.75 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

If material distributed on campus is believed to be obscene, it may be reported to Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus police for possible prosecution by the local district attorney. The district attorney has discretion regarding the claim and will first evaluate whether the material meets the statutory definition of obscene and determine whether to prosecute the distributor. Upon notification by the district attorney that specific literature/publications are determined to be obscene, the university will promptly remove that material from the distribution center.

DEMONSTRATIONS AND PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY

This policy is applicable only to the extracurricular use of any university-controlled facility or area used as a forum generally open to the members of the university community and others for the purpose of assembly or expression. It is the purpose of this policy to inform members of the University community and the public of the manner in which they may engage in constitutionally protected speech, expression, and assembly at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Time, Place and Manner Requirements

Expression may be limited or restricted with respect to time, place or manner. These limitations shall be customized (i.e. to ensure the protection of public order, to avoid scheduling two events at the same time, to avoid disruption of functions of the university

including its teaching, research, administration, or disciplinary proceedings, public-service functions or other authorized university activity) to assure compliance with local, state and federal laws. Limitations shall be reasonable and applied without regard to the content of the expression or the purpose of the assembly, except for expression that is not protected by the First Amendment.

The public forum location at Southwestern Oklahoma State University for rallies or demonstrations to be held out of doors is limited to the area surrounding the clock tower located between the Library and the Student Union.

Requests for use of this forum shall be directed to the Dean of Students. Discussion with the Dean of Students may be required to schedule and plan the event, approve any use of sound amplification equipment, arrange for payment of any cost associated with the use of the forum, and resolve other issues that may arise.

In general, requests shall contain the name of the requestor or recognized campus organization, how he/she may be contacted; the proposed date and time for the activity; the expected size of the audience; the topic or subject to be addressed and any other information that might be necessary to accommodate the needs of the activity.

The request should be made no less than three days prior to the event, but as far in advance as possible to reserve the forum. The approval of the activity will generally occur within two working days of the request. To make these arrangements contact the Dean of Students located in 214 Stafford/580-774-3767.

All assemblies related to campus expression shall observe the Student Code of Conduct. The university shall assume initial responsibility for maintaining order by using the office of Public Safety, recognizing that City, County and State enforcement bodies are available. The university retains the right to protect the safety of individuals, campus property and the continuity of the educational process.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY FUNDING

Funding is available for approved campus organizations to provide campus wide activities. Approval for funding is handled by a student committee representing each of the four schools as well as the Student Government Association Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The Dean of Students or designee will serve in an advisory capacity to the student committee. Campus organizations must have been approved for a minimum of one year before they are eligible for funding. Priority will be given to requests which benefit the student body on a campus-wide basis. The Constitution of Oklahoma prohibits the use of public money from being distributed to either religious or political organizations or for their purposes. These funds may also not be used for scholarships, gifts, donations, purchase of food or alcoholic beverages or items of a personal nature.

Payment of charges incurred for the activity must be made by invoice to a vendor from an Agency Account established by the Business Office. Information will be sent to sponsors of campus organizations each fall and spring semester advising them of the deadlines for written