

CAMPUS STUDENT PUBLICATIONS BOARDS

Constitution

I. Mission

The Campus Student Publications Boards, hereafter referred to as the “Publications Boards,” shall be the governing bodies which directly oversee the student publications on each campus, including the student newspapers, the literary magazines and any other publications approved by the Board of Directors of the Suffolk Community College Association, Inc. The role of the Publications Boards are to (1) promote excellence in student publications, (2) assist the publications in their efforts to meet the needs of the campus community, (3) provide opportunities for personal and professional growth and development for students, (4) serve as a grievance/appeals board, (5) approve editors-in-chief, and (6) recommend policies and procedures to the College Student Publications Board.

This document defines the scope and duties of the Publications Boards and has been developed to assist the student publications staff and advisors in effectively conducting business and overall operations.

II. Authority

The Publications Boards are established by the Board of Directors of the Suffolk Community College Association, Inc. Responsibility for the operation of the student newspapers and the literary magazines is delegated to the College Student Publications Board and the Campus Student Publications Boards from the Board of Directors. The Campus Student Publications Boards are charged with the general supervision and operation of the student publications. The College Student Publications Board is charged with the policy making authority for student publications, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

III. Purpose of Student Publications

Collectively, student publications provide students with learning opportunities through the exploration and expression of issues and ideas. The publications provide the campus community with a student perspective of events, issues and activities at the campus, the college, the local community and the nation. In addition, the publications provide students with unique opportunities for personal and professional growth and development. Students are encouraged to practice and apply skills learned in the classroom while taking responsibility for the management of the publication program. Students learn to work cooperatively toward a common goal in service to the campus community.

VIII. Vacancies and Removal of Board Members

The Publications Boards may recommend that a member be removed for just cause by a majority vote. Recommendations for removal shall be forwarded to the appropriate individual or organization responsible for the initial appointment. Should a vacancy occur due to resignation or other circumstances, the chair shall notify the appropriate individual and/or organization to request a replacement.

IX. Meetings

The Publications Boards shall meet as often as necessary, with a minimum of one meeting each semester (i.e., fall and spring). Meetings shall be called by the Director of Student Activities as deemed necessary. Board members can make a request to the Director of Student Activities that a meeting be called to address specific issues and concerns. A quorum shall consist of more than 50% of the voting membership. Motions need a simple majority of those present to pass.

X. Relationship of Advisor to Board and Publication

Advisors to member publications shall be appointed by the Dean/651j12 0 0 12 349.226 516.54024Tm9992j12 0

XII. Removal of Advisor

The Dean/Associate Dean of Student Services shall have the authority to remove an advisor for just cause. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to fulfill the duties of the position, violation of approved codes of ethics, professional standards, or college policies, misuse of funds, or gross negligence in the performance of his/her responsibilities as advisor. Appeals of removal from office shall be made to the College Student Publications Board, which shall make a recommendation to the campus Executive Dean. The decision of the Executive Dean shall be final.

XIII. Funding of Student Publications

Student publications are funded by the College Fee, which is allocated by the Association Advisory Council on each campus and approved by the Association's Board of Directors.

XIV. Amendments

Campus Student Publications Boards may propose revisions to this document to the College Student Publications Board. Provisions of this document may be amended by two-thirds vote of the membership of the College Student Publications Board. Such amendments shall be effective upon approval of the Board of Directors of the Suffolk Community College Association, Inc.