

BOARD MEETING DATE MAY 19, 2026

ITEM NO: VIII-B

RECOMMEND THAT the Board approve an Organization and Control Policy: Speech, Expression, and Commercial Activity on College Property (1.13).

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THIS RECOMMENDATION allows NFC to have a specific Speech, Expression, and Commercial Activity on College Property policy which allows the President or Designee to determine and approve procedures for ensuring and freedoms of speech, thought, expression, and assembly while maintaining the integrity of the academic environment and the safety of students, employees, visitors, and college property.

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# NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE POLICY MANUAL

**Title:** Speech, Expression, and Commercial Activity  
on College Property

**Number:** 1.13

**Authority:** Florida Statute § 1004.097, § 1001.64, § 871.01 and 877.13

**Date Adopted:** 2026

**Date Revised:**

**OPR:** President

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## **POLICY:**

North Florida College values the freedoms of speech, thought, expression, and assembly as essential to its educational and intellectual mission. The College is committed to fostering a learning and working environment that supports these freedoms and encourages the open exchange of ideas, while maintaining the integrity of the academic environment and the safety of students, employees, visitors, and college property.

The College reserves the right to establish and enforce reasonable, viewpoint-neutral restrictions on the time, place, and manner of expressive activities in outdoor common areas to support these goals. The content of expressive activities will not be considered when regulating speech in outdoor areas, except as permitted by law.

The President shall establish procedures to implement this policy, including matters related to public speaking and expression in outdoor areas, counter-protests, and commercial activity.

The President or designee reserves the right to cancel events, activities, or tabling requests that do not comply with established procedures. Such cancellation does not preclude the requestor from submitting future requests for approval.

This policy is implemented in accordance with applicable law.

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