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The community college is an institution dedicated to the discovery, improvement, transmission and dissemination of knowledge through research, teaching, discussion and debate.

The role of the college is to provide an open environment for speech protected by the First Amendment, including ideas and opinions that may be unwelcome, disagreeable, or deeply offensive.

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### Demonstrations on Campus

The college will ensure that demonstrations on the campuses of the college do not threaten persons or property.

Any demonstration on any campus of the college must occur with minimal threat to the safety and security of persons or facilities through proper planning and scheduling.

Occasionally, events take place which demand immediate public outcry, and it is not the intent of this procedure to limit individuals' rights to protest such events.

The college supports the rights of individuals, faculty, staff and student organizations to demonstrate provided such activities do not disrupt normal activities or infringe upon the rights of others.

The College will not condone behavior that violates the freedom of speech, choice, assembly, or movement of other individuals or organizations. Responsible dissent carries with it sensitivity for the civil rights of others.

The college will take whatever steps it deems necessary to:

1. Protect the right of any individual or organization to demonstrate and publicly proclaim any view, however unpopular.
2. Protect the freedom of speech, assembly, and movement of any individual or group that is the object of the demonstration.

The following guidelines apply to all demonstrations, rallies and/or equivalent activity:

1. Persons may not block or otherwise interfere with the free flow of vehicular, bicycle or pedestrian traffic. The right of way on streets and sidewalks must be maintained.
2. Persons may not block or otherwise interfere with ingress and egress to campus buildings.
3. Persons shall not disrupt or attempt to force the cancellation of any event or activity sponsored by the college or by any users authorized to use college facilities.
4. Persons shall not engage in harassing, physically abusive, threatening or intimidating conduct toward any person.
5. Persons shall comply with the directions of college officials performing their duties.
6. Classes or other scheduled activities shall not be disrupted.
7. Use of public address systems and amplified sound will not be permitted without prior written approval from the campus dean.

8. Where an invited speaker is the object of protest, persons may demonstrate outside the building where the speech is taking place. Persons who wish to enter the building must do so as members of the audience and must give the speaker a respectful hearing. Failure to grant the speaker a respectful hearing may result in the offending persons being asked to leave. Signs, placards or similar paraphernalia associated with a demonstration will not be carried into the building. College property must be protected at all times.

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10. Persons engaging in activities on college property are subject to and expected to comply with all applicable college policies and procedures as well as with city and county ordinances regarding noise and demonstrations.

Individuals, students, or student organizations sponsoring or organizing demonstrations, rallies or equivalent activities will be held responsible for compliance with this policy. Student organization sponsorship in no way relieves participating individuals of responsibility for their conduct. Complaints of violation of this procedure, or with federal and state law, may be grounds for disciplinary action against individuals and/or the sponsoring or participating student organizations and their officers.

Recognized college organizations, full or part-time students, current employees and individuals of the community who wish to schedule a demonstration, rally or equivalent activity, may submit a written request to the campus dean. Any such request must be made no less than five business days in advance of the activity. The office of the campus dean will respond within two business days to any reservation request. In the event a request is denied, an appeal may be made to the college President who shall respond within two business days to any such appeal.

Unscheduled demonstrations, rallies, or equivalent activities may be held by recognized college organizations, full or part-time students, current employees, and individuals of the community on the campus provided that the activity does not interfere with any functions for which that space has been reserved in advance. It is inappropriate for events that have been planned to circumvent the procedures by claiming to be spontaneous. In deciding whether a demonstration is spontaneous or planned, the college may consider any relevant evidence, including (a) whether signs or placards used at the demonstration were commercially produced, (b) whether participants used amplification equipment, (c) whether security was alerted, or media contacted, substantially in advance of the demonstration, or (d) whether other circumstances demonstrate advance planning by one or more organizations.

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Committee on Free Expression

The Mohave County Community College District Governing Board shall establish a committee on free expression. The committee on free expression shall submit an annual report on or before December 1 to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate and submit a copy of the annual report to the Secretary of State. The college shall post a copy of the report on its website.

The annual report shall include:

1. A description of any barriers to or disruptions of free expression within the community college in this state
2. A description of the administrative handling and discipline relating to barriers to or disruptions of free expression within the community colleges in this state.
3. A description of substantial difficulties, controversies or successes in maintaining a posture of administrative and institutional neutrality.
4. Any assessment, criticisms, commendations or recommendations that the committee decides to include in the annual report.
5. An accounting of how student activity fees were allocated in the prior year. ["Student Activity Fee" in this instance means any fee that is charged to students by a community college in this state and that is used to support and facilitate expression and activities of student or student organizations.]

The committee established pursuant to this section ends on July 1, 2026.

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Free Expression and Orientation

MCC will include in its [freshman] orientation program information describing the policies and rules regarding free expression in a manner that is consistent with Title 15, Chapter 14, Article 6.

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