



# NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY

<b>TITLE:</b> <u>Responsibility for the Common Good; Prohibited Disruption of College Operations; and Free Expression Board of Trustees Responsibility for the Common Good and Prohibited Disruption of College Operations</u>	<b>NUMBER:</b> GP 6.00
<b>AUTHORITY:</b> Florida Statutes: <a href="#">FS 1001.64</a> ; <a href="#">FS 1004.097</a>	<b>SEE ALSO:</b> •
<b>DATE ADOPTED:</b> 05/89 <b>REVISED:</b> 11/12; 03/19	<b>BOARD SECRETARY:</b> 

## PURPOSE OF POLICY \_\_\_\_\_

To clarify responsibility of the Board, the President, and the College community with respect to operating the College for the common good; prohibiting disruptive behavior and actions; and stating standards of free expression on College property

~~To clarify responsibility of the Board, the President, and the overall College community with respect to operating the College for the common good, the need for cooperation, and the prohibition of behavior disruption to the operation of the College for its purposes~~

## LOCAL LANGUAGE

### Common Good

Northwest Florida ~~(NWF)~~ State College is a public institution committed to serving in particular, the citizens of the State of Florida by whose actions and at whose pleasure the institution exists. The District Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College has legal responsibility for the College, its activities, its programs, and its personnel ~~will rest with its corporate board, the Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College.~~ The President has Administrative responsibility for the College, ~~will rest with the President of the College~~ as the executive officer and corporate secretary to the Board. The overall productivity of the College and its programs is dependent upon effective, unified involvement of the ~~total~~ College community ~~—faculty, students, staff, administration, and Board—~~ in the mission and common good of the College.

~~In the decision-making process relative to~~ Regarding matters of concern to ~~the citizens and to the~~ members of the College community, the Board ~~recognizes and accepts its~~ has ultimate responsibility for representing the College and the public interest. ~~This responsibility is implemented by~~ The Board implements this responsibility by the delegation of delegating responsibility for ~~such matters~~ operational decision-making to the President ~~of the College~~, with the Board ~~holding itself~~ acting as the ratifying body upon recommendations from the President.

The President will provide structural means within the College ~~organizational pattern~~ for cooperative faculty, staff, student, and community involvement in ~~seeking and reaching through advisory consultation~~, mutually satisfactory decisions on matters of concern to the various members of the College community and on the general welfare and integrity of ~~the and the~~ College institution itself—Northwest Florida State College.

Northwest Florida State College does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, ethnicity, race, national origin, disability, marital status, pregnancy, religion, genetic information, sex, gender, or any other legally protected classification in its employment practices, programs, or activities.

### **Prohibited Disruption of College Operations**

Disruption of College operations is prohibited. Solicitation or distribution of unauthorized materials on College property is prohibited. Any other behaviors or actions determined by the Board, President, or their applicable designees to negatively affect the integrity and common good of the College are prohibited. The Board has the authority to determine the suitability and permissibility of any behaviors, actions, and activities on College property, and the Board delegates enforcement of this policy in a diligent and prompt manner to the President.

### **Free Expression on College Property**

Northwest Florida State College values the freedoms of speech, thought, expression, and assembly as part of its core educational and intellectual mission. The College is committed to creating a learning and working environment that supports these values and encourages the free exchange of ideas, while also maintaining the integrity of the academic environment and the security of students, employees, visitors, and College property. On College property, the College reserves the right to create, publish, and enforce restrictions that are reasonable and content-neutral on time, place, and manner of expression and that are narrowly tailored to a significant institutional interest.

~~Disruption of normal College operations, solicitation and distribution of unauthorized materials on the NWF State College campus, and any behaviors or actions judged by the Board of Trustees or its duly designated authorities to be inroads upon the integrity and common good of NWF State College are prohibited.~~

~~By virtue of its responsibility for the common good of Northwest Florida State College and the legal responsibility which it holds for the College, its activities, its programs, and its personnel, the Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College recognizes and accepts its ultimate responsibility for representing and protecting the College and its interests. On this basis, the Board elects to exercise its prerogative of choice and judgment with respect to the suitability and permissibility of any behaviors, of any activities, of any kind within the boundaries of the College campus, whether by employees of the college, by Northwest Florida State College students, or by persons not affiliated with NWF State College.~~

~~The responsibility for fulfilling the intent of this policy and the authority on behalf of the Board to make decisions as to such suitability and permissibility and to take action to alleviate violations of this policy is delegated to the President of the College and those members of his staff to whom he may delegate responsibility for observance of this polic~~The position of the Board of Trustees with respect to enforcement of this policy is that rational and prompt resolution of any disruptive behavior, disruptive activities, or any other inroads upon the integrity and common good of NWF State College should be pursued with all diligence. Per Florida Statute FS 1001.64, NWF State College is dedicated to the concepts of equity and equal opportunity. It is the specific intention of the College not to discriminate on the basis of age, color, ethnicity, disability, marital status, national origin, race, pregnancy, religion, genetic information, or gender, in its employment practices or in the admission and treatment of students in its programs or activities.