

Access for Advocacy Purposes Policy

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PURPOSE

Advocacy on all Northern Lights College campuses will comply with the organization's, province's and country's policies, philosophies, and laws.

SCOPE

This policy applies to a person or group wishing to hold advocacy events on campus or intending to distribute, circulate or display advocacy materials within the College.

DEFINITIONS

Advocacy: public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy.

POLICY STATEMENTS

As a good citizen and member of the community it serves, Northern Lights College will attempt to open its spaces and facilities to be used for most community group events, including those affiliated with staff, students, or faculty, meetings and activities.

Academic freedom is a fundamental value of the College and this policy shall not be interpreted or applied to curtail the academic freedom of any member of the College community. In exercising academic freedom, members of the community must ask in a responsible manner and respect the rights of other members of the College community.

When such activities involve access to the College for advocacy purposes, caution is to be exercised to make sure that any form of advocacy adheres to the philosophy, goals and legal mandate of Northern Lights College as well as the intent of the laws, statutes, and individual rights of the province of British Columbia and the country of Canada. Activities will be completed in a peaceful manner ensuring campus community safety and security.

A College student, staff member, or affiliated organizations wishing to distribute, circulate or display materials must complete the "*Agreement to Distribute, Circulate or Display Advocacy Materials*" form (hereafter known as "the Agreement"). A request for facility use must also be completed before any meetings or activities on campus. The Campus Administrator or Director of Facilities will evaluate all materials and or the facility use request to ensure that the material/space use is appropriate and in compliance with the policy statement. Northern Lights College may limit locations and timing of activities.

The College reserves the right to unilaterally cancel the Agreement without prior notice. Northern Lights College does not permit hate speech; damage to campus property; misconduct, including but not limited to violations of the Criminal Code and respective Student Code of Conduct.

The event, group or distribution of materials shall not unduly disrupt normal College operations. Members of the College community will not be subjected to harassment or obstruction while a person or group planning or conducting a meeting or event or distributing material is using College premises.

SUPPORTING FORMS, DOCUMENTS, WEBSITES, RELATED POLICIES

- Use of College Facilities and Equipment Policy A-1.04
- Agreement to Distribute, Circulate or Display Advocacy Materials
- Student Code of Conduct

RELATED ACTS AND REGULATIONS

- College and Institute Act
- Occupiers Liability Act
- Provincial Trespass Act
- WorkSafe BC Violence in the Workplace

RELATED COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS

- N/A