

Linfield College Student Media Policy

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General Operating Authority

Student media of Linfield College operate under the general authority of the Board of Trustees of Linfield College, with such operational authority as is delegated by the president to appropriate academic departments, the Associated Students of Linfield College, and the Communications Board of the various student media.

General Definition

Student media of Linfield College includes any student organization which disseminates news, information, opinion, entertainment, literary or art content for the Linfield College community as its primary and sustaining purpose and carries out the purpose through publication, broadcast or electronic distribution.

Student media includes but are not limited to:

- Noncommercial, educational broadcast radio station: KSLC, 90.3 FM;
- Newspaper: The Linfield Review;
- TV Broadcasting: Wildcat Productions;
- Literary Magazine: CAMAS;
- Newsletter: Vital Statistics.

Statement of Philosophy

The student media at Linfield College exist to:

- Disseminate news, information, opinion, entertainment, literary or art content to the Linfield College community and surrounding community;
- Provide forums for the ideas and opinions within the Linfield College community and surrounding community;
- Provide learning laboratories for effective and responsible communication with, for and about the Linfield College community and surrounding community;
- Teach Linfield College students the effective methods of operations and successful financial management of a media organization.

To facilitate a positive learning experience for student media and for appropriate institutional oversight, the College assigns advisors, generally Linfield College faculty, who provide advice, guidance and instruction. Advisors are also responsible for the management of the academic program of any student registered for academic credit applicable to student media.

The student media structure also includes a Communications Board to discuss matters regarding student media. The By-Laws of The ASLC includes information about the Communications Board. The Board manages its own portion of the budget as determined by the Associated Students of Linfield College, including the allocation of funding among the student media.

The Communications Board for the McMinnville Campus is comprised of student representatives as follows:

- KSLC FM radio general manager;
- Linfield Review editor-in-chief;
- Wildcat Productions executive producer;
- CAMAS editor.

The Vital Statistics Newsletter on the Portland Campus is facilitated by the Associated Students of Linfield College – Portland Campus.

Responsibility

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has authorized Linfield College as licensee of a radio broadcast station KSLC. Responsibilities for the operations of KSLC are delegated by the president of the college to the radio station's advisor and general manager, who together assure the operation of the station follows the rules and regulations of the FCC. No one acting on behalf of the college may limit or attempt to control the content of KSLC material protected by the First Amendment.

Responsibilities for the operations of The Linfield Review newspaper are delegated by the president of the college to The Linfield Review advisor and editor-in-chief. The editor-in-chief and his/her designates have the authority to make all content decisions without censorship or advance approval. No one acting on behalf of the college may limit or attempt to control the content of Linfield Review material protected by the First Amendment.

Responsibilities for the operations of Wildcat Productions are delegated by the president of the college to the Wildcat Productions advisor and student executive producer. No one acting on behalf of the college may limit or attempt to control the content of Wildcat Productions material protected by the First Amendment.

Responsibilities for the operations of CAMAS are delegated by the president of the college to the Department of English, the CAMAS advisor and student editor. No one acting on behalf of the college may limit or attempt to control the content of CAMAS material protected by the First Amendment.

Responsibilities for the operations of Vital Statistics Newsletter are delegated by president of the college to the Vital Statistics advisor and student newsletter board. No one acting on behalf of the college may limit or attempt to control the content of Vital Statistics material protected by the First Amendment.

Governing Documents

Each student media organization will keep and regularly update a set of operating procedures and other documents as appropriate to govern and guide their operations.

Grievances

Student media participants at Linfield College may seek redress of grievances through campus grievance policies. Any grievance should be initiated with the Office of the Dean of Faculty, or the Office of the Dean of Students, with the understanding that the Deans or their designees will consult regardless of which office receives the initial grievance. All grievance decisions made through this process will be considered final.