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1	<p>Institutional Regulations: Iowa Central Community College seeks to foster and sustain a forum for the free, civil, and orderly exchange of ideas, values, and opinions, recognizing that individuals grow and learn when respectively confronted with differing views, alternative ways of thinking and conflicting values.</p> <p>This Freedom of Expression – Public Forum – Policy is adopted consistent with Iowa Code Section 261H.2 and the following principles are adopted as part of this policy:</p> <p>a. That the primary function of an institution of higher education is the discovery, improvement, transmission, and dissemination of knowledge by means of research, teaching, discussion, and debate. This statement shall provide that, to fulfill this function, the institution must strive to ensure the fullest degree of intellectual freedom and free expression allowed under the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.</p> <p>b. That it is not the proper role of an institution of higher education to shield individuals from speech protected by the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which may include ideas and opinions the individual finds unwelcome, disagreeable, or even offensive.</p> <p>c. That it is the proper role of an institution of higher education to encourage diversity of thoughts, ideas, and opinions and to encourage, within the bounds of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the peaceful, respectful, and safe exercise of first amendment rights.</p> <p>d. That students and faculty have the freedom to discuss any problem that presents itself, assemble, and engage in spontaneous expressive activity on campus, within the bounds of established principles of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions that are consistent with established first amendment principles.</p> <p>e. That the outdoor areas of campus of an institution of higher education are public forums, open on the same terms to any invited speaker subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions that are consistent with established principles of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.</p>		
2	<p>Designated Areas: The College may regulate the time, place, and manner of expressive non-commercial speech and activity which occurs within the areas designated by this procedure.</p> <p>College staff will work with individuals and groups to find reasonable locations that do not:</p> <p>a. Block, or in any way interfere with or impede any other person’s entrance to or exit from or through any sidewalk, roadway, or doorway on campus.</p>		

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	<p>b. Impede the free flow of any and all student and other pedestrian traffic in hallways, sidewalks, or other areas. All other persons on the College campus must have the opportunity to get past those exercising their protected right to not have to be confronted with or distracted from their reason and purpose for being on campus. Although they can have the opportunity to interact, they should not be required or forced to do so.</p> <p>c. Areas for the maximum exposure to student and staff traffic: An open, accessible area on the College campus would include the student activities area of the Student Resource Center. An open, accessible area would not include residential halls, classroom buildings, administrative buildings and offices, the Academic Resource Center, or Bookstore in the Student Resource Center.</p>		
3	<p>Types of Use:</p> <p>a. Casual Use – Casual use means any spontaneous and unorganized non-commercial use for which there is no prior promotion, solicitation, or purposeful attempt to attract or solicit the public.</p> <p>(1) Individual students and other persons may use the designated areas for any casual non-commercial and reasonable use during the times described in Section 5.</p> <p>(2) Casual users are not permitted to use any electronic sound amplification system or equipment that might disrupt class or other activities.</p> <p>(3) Casual users may not interfere with the use of any of the designated areas by authorized groups or unreasonably disturb or disrupt persons in adjacent buildings, and such users are expected not to damage or destroy any College property (including grass or shrubbery) or cause any litter. They will be held responsible for the cost of any damages or repairs.</p> <p>b. Scheduled Use by Eligible Groups – The College recognized student organizations and other groups or individuals which are eligible to use College facilities may reserve and use the designated areas for public meetings, rallies, teach-ins, convocations, festivals, and other authorized events and activities during the times described in Section 5. Requests for such use shall be submitted as described in Section 4.</p>		
4	<p>Applications for Scheduled Use:</p> <p>a. Eligible groups shall make a request to use the designated areas by submitting a completed application form to the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Development office.</p> <p>b. Applications should be submitted at least three (3) business days in advance of the intended use to provide time for all necessary arrangements. However, reasonable effort will be made to accommodate requests made at least one business day (24-hours) in advance of a requested event.</p> <p>c. College officials will provide a response to the application within one (1) business day from when the application is received. Requests shall be granted on a space available basis. Written approval must be obtained by the eligible group prior to using the designed area.</p> <p>d. Eligible groups using the designated areas may not unreasonably disturb or disrupt persons in adjacent buildings, and such groups are expected not to damage or destroy any College property (including grass or shrubbery) or cause any litter. If security is required, or the College Administration deems it necessary to make adequate security arrangements for traffic or crowd control, arrangements will be made through the College.</p> <p>e. All federal and state laws and city ordinances must be obeyed, and it is the responsibility of the group to obtain all applicable permits or licenses.</p> <p>f. This policy does not affect the practice of conducting outdoor classes by College faculty or staff.</p>		
5	<p>Other Restrictions:</p> <p>a. Hours of Use – Casual use is normally permitted at any time except as specifically prohibited or restricted. Scheduled use is normally restricted to the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.</p> <p>b. Camping on College property is prohibited.</p>		

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	<p>c. No device or structure shall be placed or erected upon College property except as approved by College officials in connection with any authorized group. The distribution of leaflets to individuals is controlled by Board Policy 215.</p> <p>d. Sound amplification, music, and other uses which might disturb or disrupt persons in adjacent buildings and classrooms is prohibited during normal business and class hours.</p> <p>e. Commercial solicitation is prohibited.</p> <p>f. All persons and groups using the designated areas are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner toward all students, College personnel, and College visitors. Users may not approach students and pressure or force them to take literature, or follow students to classes or elsewhere on campus.</p> <p>g. All persons and groups using the designated areas must provide reasonable access to and from any building, including building doorways and other entrances and exits. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic should not be obstructed.</p> <p>h. All persons and groups using College facilities are subject to federal and state laws and College Board Policies and rules applicable to such use.</p> <p>i. Failure by a user to comply with the provisions of this procedure may result in denial or revocation of the ability to use the designated area.</p>		
6	Individuals may login to Triton Pass and click on “Concern Form” to report any concern they have.		