

Dear NCTC Community,

Recently, questions have arisen regarding North Central Texas College student groups and student participation in certain student organizations' events at NCTC facilities. The College has authority to enforce reasonable regulations as to the time, place, and manner of speech and its dissemination as long as restrictions do not relate to the content of the expression; however, as a governmental entity and political subdivision of the State of Texas, the College must navigate through these challenging times of political and social disruption by following the advice of its legal counsel.

NCTC is accountable to its students, colleagues, and the community. Consequently, after consultation with attorneys and in accordance with the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, the College – *a governmental entity* – shall respect all viewpoints and take no action abridging the fundamental tenet of an individual's freedom of speech. Texas law also provides that the College may not take action against a student organization or deny the organization any benefit generally available to other student organizations at the institution on the basis of a political, religious, philosophical, ideological, or academic viewpoint expressed by the organization, or any related expressive activities of the organization.

For nearly 100 years, North Central Texas College has been dedicated to student success and institutional excellence. We can affirm our values through our words and actions. We owe this to those who came before and those who will follow as we strive to remain true to our mission.

Respectfully,

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