

Seminole State College

Expressive Speech Annual Report

December, 2025

Pursuant to 70 O.S. §2120, Seminole State College submits the following to demonstrate its course of action for compliance with the requirements of this statute.

Campus Expression Policy

http://www.sscok.edu/_assets/pdfs/about-ssc/consumer-information-and-federal-compliance/general-institutional-information/current%20Free%20Speech%20Activity%20Policy%20Revision%2010-19.pdf

Professional Development for Students and Employees

Seminole State College communicates policy and expectations to students and employees through educational programming provided to the faculty, staff, and students, as well as publication of policies in their respective handbooks and on the College website. The College may also choose to communicate new policy and/or updates through electronic communication. Professional development materials include a summary sheet of general education points and an information postcard for the campus community and the public.

Copy of Professional Development Training Information Sheet

The following professional development information was provided to the campus community via email to faculty, staff, and students and will be provided each semester. The information is also located on bulletin boards in each building, campus Police Department, and the office of the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

First Amendment, Expressive Speech, §70-2120
Seminole State College Professional Development

Part 1: State Law

- Passed in the 2019 Oklahoma Legislature, signed by the Governor, effective August 30, 2019. Available at §70-2120.
- In brief, the law requires that on public college and university campuses in Oklahoma the campus community and the public may use **unrestricted accessible outdoor green spaces** for **non-commercial expressive activities** because this space is now by statute considered a traditional public forum, which can be used unless it materially and substantially disrupts the College subject to reasonable **time, place, and manner restrictions**.
- This law is consistent with historical federal guidance regarding 1st Amendment protected events on this issue, but also requires:
    - New College policy
    - New training for faculty, staff, and students
    - Annual report to the Governor and Legislature
    - Posted on College webpage (<3 links)
    - Notification of lawsuits

Part 2: College Policy

- In accordance with the state law, SSC developed a policy, which addresses the bolded key terms above. The policy is available at policy
- Take some time to review the time, place, and manner restrictions.

Part 3: Expectations

- Guide outdoor visitors to the right resources on the website.

- Campus police can greet outdoor expressive speech visitors with a Visitor Information Card.

Part 4: Frequently Asked Questions

- The College designates the following indoor facilities as unavailable for Expressive Activity: administrative offices, laboratories, and classrooms.
- The public may reserve these indoor campus facilities: Requests should be made to the director of each venue.
- The public and SSC employees may reserve outdoor space by contacting the Vice President for Student Affairs office at 405-382-9216 or by emailing mailto:t.wittmann@sscok.edu
- SSC students may reserve both indoor and outdoor space by contacting the Vice President for Student Affairs office at 405-382-9216 or by emailing mailto:t.wittmann@sscok.edu
- The campus community and the public may use generally accessible outdoor areas for non-commercial expressive activities on a first come, first served basis without giving prior notice if the activity does not materially and substantially disrupt the function of the College, as defined by state law.
- Time, place and manner restrictions are in effect. Please read the policy in its entirety. Examples include:
    - No items may be attached in any manner to trees, bushes, benches, light poles, buildings, vehicles, or permanent signs.
    - Non-commercial pamphlets, handbills, fliers, and other written materials may be distributed on a person-to-person basis in open areas outside of building if done in a way to avoid substantial littering on the campus.

Barriers or Disruptions of Free Expression

Seminole State College experienced no barriers or disruptions of free speech during the calendar year ending December 31, 2025.

This report can be found on the Consumer Information and Federal Compliance-General Institution Information page under General Institutional Information.