

CSN GENERAL COUNSEL'S STATEMENT ON THE USE OF CSN'S PUBLIC AREAS

CSN's campuses and buildings are public spaces owned by the State of Nevada through the Board of Regents. However, at all times the primary purpose of these public facilities is to fulfill CSN's education mission. In the words of the U.S. Supreme Court, CSN's campuses are 'limited public forums'. Anything that interferes with or impedes the performance of CSN's primary mission will not be allowed or must be modified as the circumstances require.

Dislike or disagreement with the message content or the form of the communications from others is not a reason to disallow their speech on campus.

Both CSN-affiliated and non-affiliated groups, organizations, or individuals may request and be assigned outside and inside areas for various events and use of the CSN facilities consistent with NSHE's and CSN's policies. Outside groups do not have to contact CSN or request permission for use of the public areas outside but other events may preclude their unscheduled use as discussed here.

As noted above, anyone may come onto campus unannounced to present their messages. This is acceptable as long as their activity does not interfere with or impede CSN's primary mission. To that end, any inside-of-building use that is not planned and assigned will not be allowed because of the limited size of hallways, lobbies and their adjacency to College classrooms, activities, etc. CSN does not designate 'free-speech zones' anywhere on campus, and the primary criteria for third-parties who do not plan their activity with CSN is whether it interferes with or impedes other College activities or the mission of the College. The main campuses are large enough that if third-parties happen to engage in their activity simultaneously with other College-affiliated activities or another outside group, the third-party will be directed to go to another part of the campus as necessary so as not to interfere with or impede through sound, visuals, etc. the College activity or another third-party.

At no time will anyone be permitted to physically intimidate or personally attack in language or by action any other person, forcing materials on pedestrians, blocking paths and walkways, purposefully following someone, etc.

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