TITLE: **Use of Tobacco Products on Campus**

PROCEDURE NUMBER: **4-8-1060.1**

RELATED POLICY AND PROCEDURES: **4-8-1060 Use of Tobacco Products on Campus**

DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY: **Administrative**

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Piedmont Technical College recognizes the right of members of the College community and the public to exercise freedom of speech granted by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. This procedure informs members of the College community and the public of the manner in which they may engage in constitutionally protected speech and expression at Piedmont Technical College.

It is intended to protect one's right to freedom of speech without interfering with the primary educational purpose of the College. The College will protect the rights of freedom of speech, petition, and peaceful assembly. The right to restrict the time, place, and manner of expression is specifically reserved for the College. Any acts that are disruptive to normal operations of the College including but not limited to instruction, college business, or actions which interfere with the rights of others will not be tolerated. Faculty, staff, and students engaging in disruptive activity may be subject to disciplinary action. Any participant in a disruptive activity may face criminal charges. The determination of disruptive behavior is specifically reserved for the College.

Administrative Responsibilities:

It is the responsibility of the Administrative Division to maintain this procedure with the assistance of the Campus Police and Security Director.

Definition:

A. College Community: All students, faculty, and staff of the college.

Procedure:

A. Public Assembly

1. The college reserves the right to restrict the time, place, and manner of expression for the safety of those involved and the safety of the students and employees of the college.

Public Assembly Days & Times: Under Public Expression, or Free Speech, the college community and groups unaffiliated with the college are welcome on campus in designated free speech areas on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM** so long as the total time on campus in designated free speech areas does not exceed fifty (50) hours per term. Additional time beyond the fifty hours may be requested of the PTC Campus Police Chief and, after notifying the President of the additional request, will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Set up can begin no earlier than **15 minutes prior to the approved event** and affiliated and unaffiliated groups must leave campus no later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the event. Requests are granted on a first come, first served basis, once all required documentation has been submitted to PTC Campus Police and approved. Only one request will be granted for any given time. A minimum of one hour of separation will be maintained between requests granted on the same date.

Location of Public Assembly Areas:

The college community and groups unaffiliated with the college will be directed to college designated free speech areas. Free Speech areas exist on each college campus. Due to space and safety limitations, a maximum number of participants may be permitted on campus at any one time. All groups must remain within a five (5) foot radius of the above designated location. Public assembly groups will not in any way stop the flow of traffic, approach students or employees, or disrupt the college environment. Students and employees may approach groups of their own accord.

Parking: Parking for approved public assembly groups will be designated near free speech areas on each campus.

B. Distribution of Written/Printed Materials

1. Only approved written/printed materials may be distributed on college campuses. Disallowable materials are defined as those that have a reasonable probability of any of the following:

a. Material and substantial interference with a legitimate college activity

b. A strong showing of a present intention to incite or disrupt college activities, coupled with a clear and present danger that the activities of the college will in fact be materially disrupted.

c. Inclusion of matters or materials that are obscene in accordance with prevailing legislative and judicial interpretations or that offend the conscience of the community.

2. Any party or parties must apply to the PTC Campus Police for a permit to distribute written/printed materials, and each application will be acted on promptly. Student or student groups who plan to distribute written/printed materials shall follow procedures outlined in the student handbook.

3. Any party or parties who distribute written/printed materials on the campus without an official permit are subject to removal from the campus and charges of trespassing.

4. In approving the distribution of written/printed materials, the college, employees, or PTC Area Commission assumes no obligation or responsibility for content of the materials distributed.

5. Furthermore, the college reminds any party or parties distributing materials to be aware of applicable laws regarding such areas as libel, defamation, and obscenity.

6. If unauthorized distribution of written/printed materials results in littering on campus, the party or parties distributing the materials are responsible for removing the materials from campus. Littering on the college campus is prohibited.

7. The posting of any approved written/printed material is allowed only on bulletin boards intended for that purpose and only when based on the rules and regulations as outlined below:

> a. Only approved materials may be posted. Approved materials are those that serve institutional goals as set forth in this policy. Materials deemed solely for the purpose of business solicitation will not be approved.
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> b. Materials must be approved by the Associate Dean of Students or the County Campus Director or distributors risk being charged with littering as noted previously. The party or parties who distribute the materials are responsible for their removal within three days of completion of the event or activity. Failure to do so results in disapproval of future posting.

8. Solicitation or acceptance of donations or charges for any approved written/printed materials is prohibited.