PERU STATE POLICIES FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY

All members of the academic community have the responsibility to create and support an educational environment which will achieve the basic purposes of an institution of higher learning. Each member of the community should be treated with respect and dignity. Each has the right to learn which imposes a duty not to infringe upon the rights of others.

The academic community environment is designed to encourage a variety of thoughts, behaviors, and values within the educational goals of the community. An important aspect of the community is the recognition of differences between individuals. In all instances, including informal College activities and associations, each individual should be treated in a fair and unbiased manner. Each member of the academic community shall actively encourage practices that insure that all persons are welcome at the Colleges and are extended all the privileges of the academic community to which they are entitled.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

The acquisition, understanding, and interpreting of knowledge can be facilitated by the study and evaluation of controversial issues and positions. Free expression in the academic community shall not be abridged by special restrictions or censorship on publications, speakers or broadcasting. Any student group shall be allowed to invite and hear any person of its own choosing. Those procedures required by the institution before a guest speaker appears on campus should insure orderly scheduling of facilities and adequate preparation for the event. The event should be conducted in a manner appropriate to an academic community. The institutional control of College facilities should not be used as a device of censorship.

It should be made clear to the academic and larger communities that sponsorship of events and speakers does not necessarily imply approval or endorsement of the views or actions by either the sponsoring group or the College. Participation in the exchange of ideas through these media is a normal expectation of the academic community. See Board of Trustees Policy 3250 Student Rights and Responsibilities

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Each of the Colleges shall have structured student organizations, including an organized student government, which shall be the principal entity for student participation in the decision-making process of the College. All recognized student organizations shall have a charter agreement and/or constitution that is approved by the Student Senate and the Vice President responsible for student affairs.

Students shall be encouraged to participate in the student organizations.

All applicable state and federal laws and regulations, Board policies and College rules shall be followed in the operation of all student organizations. At no time will membership requirements or an organization’s activities violate the College’s non-discrimination policy.

For additional policy information, see Board of Trustees Policy 3300 – Student Organizations

GENERAL POLICIES:

DANCE POLICY

Campus organizations must reserve their preferred room with the Residence Life Office in advance. They must notify the Security Office, Residence Life Office and Student Activities Office of the date, time and location of the event. If the dance is held in the Student Center, they must also notify Dining Services to ensure the dining area is prepared.

The campus organization is responsible for work orders, any decorating, meeting band or DJ, clean up, etc. Posters and publicity must include name of sponsoring group. If there are reasons why an area cannot be cleaned immediately after dance, be sure campus personnel approve time when you plan to clean it so it is ready for use. For example: It might be approved to clean up after a Saturday night dance on Sunday at 9:00 am Campus groups must pay for any cleaning charges if necessary.

The dance must be sponsored and attended by at least one campus personnel. The campus organization is responsible for cost of repair of any damages. Dances must adhere to all other campus policies and procedures.
If you have any other questions, please contact the Student Activities Office (402) 872-2252.

SCHEDULING CAMPUS FACILITIES POLICY
To schedule facilities for a special occasion, important meeting or conference, our flexible space provides a wide variety of options for business and social gatherings. We will help you select the ideal location for your event. Our fully-equipped meeting rooms are spacious and comfortable. Please contact the Residence Life Office at (402) 872-2246 for assistance in reserving your room(s).

SIGN POSTING
Groups or individuals from the Peru State College community who find the posting of signs, bills, or posters a good and necessary way of publicizing events, activities, requests, etc., are asked to comply with the following guidelines:

- Be conscientious when hanging signs by using the available bulletin boards.
- Do not post on painted areas or on windows or doors.
- Signs posted in violation of the guidelines will be removed with no notice.
- Each person or group hanging signs is responsible for removing the same after they are no longer applicable (e.g., after an event has occurred, the sign should be removed). If you see any outdated signs, please remove them just as you would wish that someone seeing your old sign would remove it.
- Signs may be posted as early as two weeks prior to an event’s occurrence.
- A contact name, which can be a group or an individual, and a campus phone extension number or local telephone number, must appear on every sign. If proper information is not displayed, the sign may be removed.

SOLICITATION ON CAMPUS
No solicitation or canvassing of any kind, including door-to-door solicitation or canvassing in residence halls, may be conducted on campus, nor may articles, goods or services be offered for sale on the campus by anyone. Additional information can be found in Board Policy 8025: Facilities Utilization: Non-College Purposes and Board Policy 8028: Facilities: Leasing or Renting On-Campus Space.

STUDENT FUNDRAISING
Students wishing to raise funds in the community for projects must receive approval from the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs prior to initiating the fundraising program. If fundraising activities are to be held during athletic competition, the approval of the Athletic Director is also needed.

Please make requests for fundraising as early as possible, particularly when requesting fundraising to occur during athletic competition as space is limited. Approval is needed for each time the fundraiser is held and approval should not be assumed because the fundraiser has been approved in the past.

Fundraising requests can be submitted online through the Fundraising Request Form at http://www.peru.edu/student_activities/.