PERMISSIBLE SOLICITATION

As used in this policy, the words “student solicitation” shall mean the sale or offer for sale of any property or service, whether for immediate or future delivery, and the receipt of or request for any gift or contribution by a student or registered student organization.

The only student solicitations permitted in or on any property either owned or controlled by the College District are the following:

1. The sale or offer for sale of any newspaper, magazine, or other publication in an area designated in advance by the vice president for student development or a designated representative for the conduct of such activity.

2. The sale or offer for sale of any food or drink item in an area designated in advance by the vice president for student development or a designated representative for the conduct of such activity.

3. The collection of membership fees or dues by registered student organizations at meetings of such organizations scheduled in accordance with the College District’s regulations on use of facilities. [See GF(LOCAL)]

4. The collection of admission fees for the exhibition of movies or other programs that are sponsored by a student or registered student organization and are scheduled in accordance with College District regulations.

5. The activities of a student or registered student organization that can present to the vice president for student development written evidence from the Internal Revenue Service that the organization has been granted an exemption from taxation under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code. No organization may solicit under this section for more than a total of 14 days, whether continuous or intermittent, during each fiscal year.

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No student solicitation shall be conducted on the grounds, sidewalks, or streets of any property either owned or controlled by the College District, except as approved by the campus vice president/provost, the vice president for student development, or designated campus/center representative.

Student solicitation made pursuant to the terms of this policy shall be conducted according to the following:

1. The solicitation shall not disturb or interfere with the regular academic or institutional programs being conducted in buildings or on property owned or controlled by the College District.
2. The solicitation shall not interfere with the free or unimpeded flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic on sidewalks and streets and at places of ingress and egress to and from buildings owned or controlled by the College District.

3. The solicitation shall not harass, embarrass, or intimidate the person or persons being solicited.

If, after a reasonable investigation, the campus provost, vice president for student development or a designated campus/center representative determines that a solicitation is being conducted in a manner that violates this policy, the campus vice president/provost, vice president for student development, or designated campus/center representative may prohibit the offending student or registered student organization from soliciting on the campus for such period or periods of time determined to be appropriate. In the case of a registered student organization, the vice president for student development may cancel the registered status of the organization. A student in violation of this policy shall also be subject to disciplinary measures as authorized by Board policies and administrative regulations. [See FL, et seq., and FM] Any investigation shall afford the accused student or registered student organization every right guaranteed by the due process clause of the United States and the Texas Constitutions.

FUND-RAISING

Only organizations or individuals authorized by the College District shall be allowed to sponsor and engage in fund-raising activities under the name of the College District. All such activities must be compatible with the mission and objectives of the College District and must be approved by the campus provost, the vice president of student development or designated campus/center representative. Any other fund-raising activities shall be submitted in advance for consideration to the District President.