



# Murray State College

## Expressive Speech Annual Report

December 31, 2019

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

Campus Expression Policy

- <https://www.msoc.edu/administration/human-resources/policies-procedures>

**Professional Development for Students and Employees**

Murray 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.

**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 Student Affairs.

First Amendment, Expressive Speech, §70-2120  
Murray 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 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment protected events on this issue, but also requires:
  - New University/College policy
  - New training for faculty, staff, and students
  - Annual report to the Governor and Legislature
  - Posted on university/College webpage (<3 links) <https://www.msoc.edu/administration/human-resources/policies-procedures>
  - Notification of lawsuits

**Part 2: College Policy**

- In accordance with the state law, MSC developed a policy, which addresses the bolded key terms above. The policy is available at <https://www.msoc.edu/administration/human-resources/policies-procedures>
- 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 MSC employees may reserve outdoor space by contacting the Vice President for Student Affairs office at 580-387-7131 or by emailing [mail to: mgray@msoc.edu](mailto:mgray@msoc.edu)
- MSC students may reserve both indoor and outdoor space by contacting the Vice President for Student Affairs office at 580-387-7131 or by emailing [mail to: mgray@msoc.edu](mailto:mgray@msoc.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 University/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.