903 – Solicitations and Posting Materials

Purpose:

The purpose of this operational procedure is to set parameters around solicitation on Bismarck State College’s campus.

Procedure:

• BSC permits commercial solicitation that would be of benefit to BSC students or employees, and if the commercial solicitation has been approved by BSC Campus Police (701-224-2700).

• Solicitation may occur only in designated areas and may not obstruct student activity nor interfere with the college environment. Violations should be reported to the BSC Campus Police (701-224-2700).

• Solicitations of funds by employees, students, or student organizations for college-related activities must be approved in advance by the Vice President for Student Affairs (701-224-5638).

• Persons or organizations do not have the right to access campus buildings or set up tables in buildings or on the campus grounds, to solicit petition signatures. However, individuals are free to stand out on sidewalks within public right-of-way for this purpose.

• Materials may be placed by outside organizations or internal campus/student organizations on the Student Union bulletin board where general information materials are normally posted if approved in advance by the Director of Student & Residence Life (701-224-5465). Such materials shall not be posted on bulletin boards in other BSC buildings, offices, or classrooms, or upon noticeboards set aside for specific purposes (for internal groups only, exceptions may be made with appropriate approval from the BSC facilities scheduling office). Courtesy should be observed in connection with the size of posters, the amount of space occupied, and the time that materials are left in place. To ensure a clean appearance, materials should be removed after they have served their purpose. They are not to be taped on to the walls of any building.

• Materials shall not be distributed through internal campus mail or email unless they are the announcement of an activity or event sponsored by a recognized
campus/student organization.

- No person may use any property belonging to or leased by, or any service which is provided to or carried on by, either directly or by contract, the state or any agency, department, bureau, board, commission, or political subdivision thereof, for any political purpose.

- In no case will materials be permitted on campus which contain vulgarity, unwarranted or unreasonable attacks upon the character of individuals, or contain statements which violate public law.

- Advertisements for alcohol sales and bars are not allowed to be posted on campus. These advertisements will also not be allowed electronically or printed in BSC publications.

References:

918.2 Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Policy
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History:

First policy draft October 18, 1982.

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