

Rose State College

Expressive Speech Annual Report

December 31, 2020

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

Campus Expression Policy

PART XI: STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES Academic institutions exist for the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, the development of students, and the general well-being of society. Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to attainment of these goals. As members of the academic community, students engage in a sustained and independent search of truth. Freedom to teach and freedom to learn are inseparable facets of academic liberty. The freedom to learn depends upon the appropriate opportunities and conditions in the classroom, on the campus, and in the larger community. Students must exercise their liberty with responsibility. The responsibility to secure and to respect general conditions conducive to the freedom to learn is shared by all members of the academic community. Rose State College has a duty to develop policies and procedures which provide and safeguard this liberty. The purpose of this statement is to enumerate the essential provisions for student freedom to learn and the responsibilities which go with their liberties as established by the Board of Regents of Rose State College.

STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT Institutions of the Higher Education are required to produce and make readily available the completion or graduation rates of certificate or degree-seeking, full-time students entering that institution to current students and, to each prospective student upon request prior to that prospective student's enrolling or entering into any financial obligation. The institution must make this information available annually. This information can be found on the College website.

FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION Under no circumstances should a student be barred from admission to Rose State College on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or status as a veteran. Thus, within the limits of its facilities, the College should be open to all students who are qualified according to its admission standards.

FREE DISCUSSION The professor, in the classroom and in conferences, should encourage free discussion, inquiry, and expression. Student grades will be evaluated solely on an academic basis, not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic situations.

PROTECTION OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION Students will be free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion, but they are responsible for learning the content of any course of study in which they are enrolled.

PROTECTION AGAINST IMPROPER DISCLOSURE Information about student views, beliefs, and political association which professors acquire in the course of their work will be considered confidential. Protection against improper disclosure is a serious professional obligation. Judgments of ability and character may be provided at the discretion of the professor after inquiring about the nature of the requesting agency or individual and the intended use of the information.

Professional Development for Students and Employees

Rose 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's website. The college may also choose to communicate new policy and/or updates through electronic communication. Professional development materials include a summary sheet of general education points and an information postcard for the campus community and the public.

From the Student Handbook: PART XIV: CAREER SERVICES FOR STUDENTS The mission of the Rose State College Career Services Center is to assist students with career development through assistance with Career Exploration, Career Planning, and Job Search Skills and Strategies. In addition, the Rose State College Career Services Center develops relationships with employers to provide employment and internship opportunities for our students. The Career Services team collaborates with campus partners and community resources to guide students in identifying and pursuing their academic and career goals. Contact Career Services at career-services@raider.rose.edu or by calling 405-736-0242 to schedule an appointment.

From the Rose State Website:

Faculty Development

Excellence in teaching is essential to student success and the mission of Rose State College. We make faculty development a priority by investing in our faculty through continuous learning opportunities that will enhance instructional strategies, expand the use of academic technologies, and enrich instructor-student interactions. The premise is that by investing in our faculty, we are investing in the future of Rose State College and the success of our students. Faculty are one of the critical influences to positive student outcomes. Our training is available to all full-time and adjunct faculty.

Workshops & Training

Each semester we offer a variety of workshops and technical training surrounding issues such as instructional design, student motivation, creating new content, how to use the academic technology resources we have on campus, etc.

Additional information and opportunities are discussed on the website.

Barriers or Disruptions of Free Expression

Rose State College experienced no barriers or disruptions of free speech during the calendar year ending December 31, 2020.