

BMU PUBLICATION DISTRIBUTION POLICY

I. NAME

This document shall be called the BMU Publication Distribution Policy.

II. PURPOSE

This policy established the guidelines, conditions, and criteria for the free distribution of newspapers and similar printed materials within the Bell Memorial Union.

III. STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Since the Bell Memorial Union serves as the heart of the campus community, it is a natural distribution point for a variety of publications. These publications include newspapers and similar information sources which display a broad range of topics and diverse perspectives. The BMU has made provisions for distribution of such publications which serve to complement and encourage the goals and activities of CSUC students. Content of such publications should attempt to enhance the educational, political, and social growth of students. Within the space available, newspapers and often similar publications will be accommodated without regard to content or perspective according to the following policy.

IV. DATE OF EFFECTIVENESS

This policy shall be effective upon approval of the BMUC and the AS. Board of Directors (BOD).

V. AMENDMENTS

This policy may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the BMUC and reported to the AS. Board of Directors (BOD).

VI. APPLICATION PROCESS

In order for a publication to be eligible for assigned space in the BMU it must satisfy the following:

Publications shall not consist of any racial harassment which includes: any behavior, verbal, written, or physical that stigmatizes or victimizes an individual on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, or ancestry and that threatens or interferes with an individual's employment, admission, performance evaluation, or participation in University sanctioned activities by creating an intimidating, hostile, or demeaning environment.

All publications desiring distribution space in the BMU shall complete the application form and submit it to the BMU Operations Director at least two weeks prior to the desired distribution date.

The BMU Operations Director will assign space according to these procedures:

1. Space may be reserved on a first come first serve basis.
2. Publications may provide news and information on a single subject, special interest topic, or on a broad range of topics.
3. Publications which are solely or primarily for advertising will not be permitted.

VII. IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

- A. Implementation and review shall be the responsibility of the BMU Operations Director.
- B. All publications will be evaluated periodically to determine the degree of reader interest and appropriateness of distribution in the BMU.
- C. Effective 2/1/91 there will be space available for: the Orion and Chico News and Review. All others must apply accordingly.
- D. Exceptions to this policy may be presented to the BMUC via the BMU Operations Director.
- E. Violations of this policy shall be reviewed annually.

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