

## Seminole Community College

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Mr. David French, President Foundation for Individual Rights in Education 210 West Washington Square, Suite 303 Philadelphia, PA 19106

Sent by U.S. Mail and Facsimile (215-717-3440)

Dear Mr. French:

Thank you for your letter dated June 7, 2005 expressing your concerns regarding SCC's "Use of College Grounds for Free Speech and Assembly" policy and procedure. As I stated in my letter to Mr. Robert L. Shibley (May 18, 2005), SCC fully values and supports freedom of speech and the protection of our first amendment rights. In light of the experience of one of our students (Ms. Eliana Campos), and SCC's commitment to uphold its duty and responsibility to set appropriate parameters for activities that take place on campus while respecting the rights of students, the College is authorizing the following actions:

- 1. To allow Ms. Campos to temporarily setup a table in the Little Bean Café at SCC's Oviedo Campus to distribute PETA literature. She must abide by the following conditions:
  - a. Schedule the event with the Acting Dean of the Oviedo Campus (Mr. Neil Graham) at least 72 hours in advance to reserve the space. This space will be available for use on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. when the college is officially open for business.
  - b. The college may order Ms. Campos to cease distribution when it would affect the health, safety, and welfare of individuals or property, which may include but not be limited to:
    - i. Where the distribution substantially disrupts the operation of the campus;
    - ii. Where the distribution of materials would incite individuals so as to create a clear and present danger to person or property;
    - iii. Where the person distributing the literature litters, defaces, or destroys campus property;
    - iv. Where the person distributing the literature is harassing, stalking, or forcing their literature on other persons;
    - v. Where the person distributing the literature is in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local laws, or college policy or procedure.

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2. Per College Procedure 1,0001, I am authorizing the establishment of a committee comprising representatives from the SCC community (faculty, staff, students, and administrators) to review and recommend changes to our existing policy and procedure on the "Use of College Grounds for Free Speech and Assembly" in addition to other policies and procedures related to the use of college grounds.

SCC prides itself on providing an outstanding environment that fosters the success of our students, faculty, staff, and community constituents. I am confident that the committee charged with reviewing our existing policies and procedures will identify recommendations that ensure our students' constitutional rights, while supporting the institution's duty to set appropriate parameters for activities that take place on campus. Via this letter and a separate phone call, I am personally conveying to Ms. Campos that she is welcome to setup a table to distribute PETA literature in the Little Bean Café at SCC's Oviedo Campus subject the aforementioned conditions.

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