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BOARD OF STUDENT MEDIA

I. Responsibility for Student Media

Jurisdiction over campuswide student media shall be vested in a Board of Student Media reporting directly to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. By jurisdiction is meant the responsibility for the financial management, the editorial policies, and the general operation of student media. A campuswide student medium is defined as a medium which meets all of the following three criteria: (a) any full-time student is eligible to participate in its production, (b) it is produced for a campuswide audience, and (c) it is supported by University funds. (Presently the only such campuswide media are the Kentuckian and WRFL-FM.

II. Composition of the Board of Student Media

The Board of Student Media shall consist of nine voting members.

A. Three student members of the Board shall be appointed by the Chancellor for the Lexington Campus according to the following process: The President of the Student Government Association will submit nominations to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. The Chancellor for the Lexington Campus, in consultation with the Vice Chancellor, will make final appointment of the members. Student members of the Board will serve for one year, subject to reappointment.

B. Two faculty members of the Board shall be appointed by the Chancellor from a panel recommended by the Senate Council. One of the faculty members should, if possible, be a member of the faculty of the School of Journalism. Terms will be for two years, except for initial staggered terms to provide for continuity of membership.

C. One member-at-large of the Board shall be appointed by the Chancellor. The term will be for two years. The member may be appointed from the faculty, administration, alumni, professional journalists, or public-at-large.

D. Following initial appointment to the Board, member vacancies occurring prior to completion of terms shall be filled through appointments by the Chancellor for the Lexington Campus, following the same procedures as for initial appointments of such members. In case of excessive absences at Board meetings, members will be dropped from the Board by the Chancellor on recommendation of Board membership.

E. The Student Media Adviser, the editor of the Kentuckian and the general manager of WRFL-FM shall serve as ex officio voting members of the Board.

F. The Board shall have a chairperson to be appointed by the Chancellor for the Lexington Campus, with a term in office of one year, subject to reappointment. The Board membership shall elect a secretary, with a term in office of one year, subject to reelection.

G. The quorum for transaction of business shall be six voting members.

III. The Role of the Board of Student Media

A. Consistent with the general philosophy of providing a free and responsible press on the University of Kentucky campus and consistent with Section 2.5 (Right to a Free Student Press) of the Code of Student Conduct, the Board of Student Media shall be responsible for the development and promulgation of a statement of policy for the guidance of the editorial staffs of media under the Board's jurisdiction. This statement will deal with operational, editorial, and financial policies of student media.

B. The Board of Student Media shall appoint the editors of the Kentuckian, the general manager and program director of WRFL, and the managers of other media under its jurisdiction.

C. The Board of Student Media shall be available for immediate consultation with the student managers and/or adviser; its role shall be one of policy interpretation and not one of censorship.

D. The Board of Student Media shall advise and consult with the Student Media Adviser and student media managers regarding financial management of the media under the Board's jurisdiction. The Board shall approve budget proposals to be made to the Chancellor for the Lexington Campus.

E. If, after thorough investigation which shall include affording the editor/general manager/program director an opportunity to present personal views, the Board should conclude that a student manager has violated the Board's policies or has otherwise failed to perform appropriate duties as editor/general manager/program director, the Board is authorized to take one or more of the following actions in reference to the student's status as student manager: counsel, warning, reprimand, suspension for a specified period of time, dismissal.