

Riverside Community College District
DISTRICT MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

May 7, 2024

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Charge: In support of the RCCD District Strategic Plan, the District Marketing and Communications Committee (DMCC) will work to establish policies and procedures that will provide guidelines and standards for creating and producing marketing, advertising and strategic communications for the District and its colleges.

I. **Call to Order**

II. **Approval of Minutes**

- February 5, 2024

III. **Topics for Discussion**

- Emergency Communications
- List Servs
- Social Media Guidelines
 - Approval and Recommendation to DSPC
- Marketing + Arts Brochure

IV. **Updates**

- Moreno Valley College
- Norco College
- Riverside City College
- District

V. **Resources**

- Request Forms
 - [Graphic Design](#)
 - [Photography](#)
 - [Publicity](#)
- Completed Items
 - [District Brand Guide](#)
 - [MVC Brand Guide](#)
 - [NC Brand Guide](#)
 - [RCC Brand Guide](#)

VI. **Upcoming Meetings**

- Fall TBD

Riverside Community College District
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February 5, 2024 via Zoom

MEMBER ATTENDEES

Rebecca Goldware
Chris Clarke
Mark Knight
Leslie Vargas
Noelle Hansen

Robert Schmidt
Thea Quigley
Tony Rizo
Robert Delgadillo
Mark Figueroa

Brady Kerr
Ruth Leal
Ashley Etchison

ABSENT MEMBERS

Patrick Scullin

DISTRICT ATTENDEES

Renee Vigil

Liz Lecona

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 3:01pm.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 1, 2023

Motion by member Hansen to approve the minutes and seconded by member Kerr (13 ayes).

DMCC STRUCTURE OVERVIEW

Vice Chancellor (VC) Goldware provided an overview about the DMCC structure, purpose and overview for how the committee is interconnected Districtwide. The membership is determined by District leadership, management, unions and senates. Members Kerr and Vargas inquired about how to remain as an active member after two years of service. VC Goldware shared that members can communicate with their points of representation

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GUIDELINES

Member Clarke shared that there is an initial draft that is being worked on and RAVE messaging is being worked on to be posted on social media, signs and online. Examples were shared for messaging to be updated within RAVE like evacuation of campus, safety hazard, etc. with message priority.

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

Member Clarke discussed the Social Media Guidelines having revisions added and will bring the comments to the next meeting for finalization/publication. Member Etchison inquired about the guidelines shared with the DMCC for feedback and for the college systems. Member Clarke outlined there are billboards advertising the colleges and inviting the community in District planning. For example, one pane of the billboard associated with RCC focuses on enrollment and another focuses on the Cinderella musical. Each of the college presidents have been approached monthly to confirm the messaging that faces the public for the colleges. Two postcards were sent out inviting students to continue their education at the colleges. The annual report is digitalized and a folio copy is being

distributed to electeds, leadership, local business owners and Board of Trustees. A postcard with a link to the [annual report](#) was sent out to the community to inform them of the annual updates. The CTE brochure went out to over 308,000 through the District's residences highlighting the unique CTE programs and there has been positive feedback received on the brochure updates. In the spring, there will be a similar brochure created for Performing Arts to be distributed to residents of the District areas. The digital campaign features general awareness of programs that are important to the community and influencers through the community like nursing, dental, paramedic and fire program, Veteran Resources center, etc. There are testimonial videos being created to feature student success stories and local employers who have hired alumni. Member Etichson inquired about tracking QR codes that are available on marketing materials to view feedback. Information pages were created and landing pages for the different programs advertised and linked to how to apply to the programs ([MVC](#), [NC](#) and [RCC](#) information pages). Guest Lecona inquired about disclaimers in the Social Media guidelines and where to add those on the social media accounts.

UPDATES

Member Figueroa shared updates about billboard advertisements, engagement with Motomatic, Super Saturday event for students who have applied to the college, TRIO Day is upcoming, signage and banners have been updated on campus as well as at Ben Clark Training Center, leadership team is prepping for the CA Re-Connect and the college is working on funding to install a marquee at the front of the campus. Member Etchison shared that NC is doing digital social media marketing, there is a spring accelerator campaign that is helping with enrollment and there are going to be more CAP resources on campus for faculty to connect with students more often. Member Kerr shared NC Music is releasing a best of album that is season focused all written by students in February.

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:57pm.

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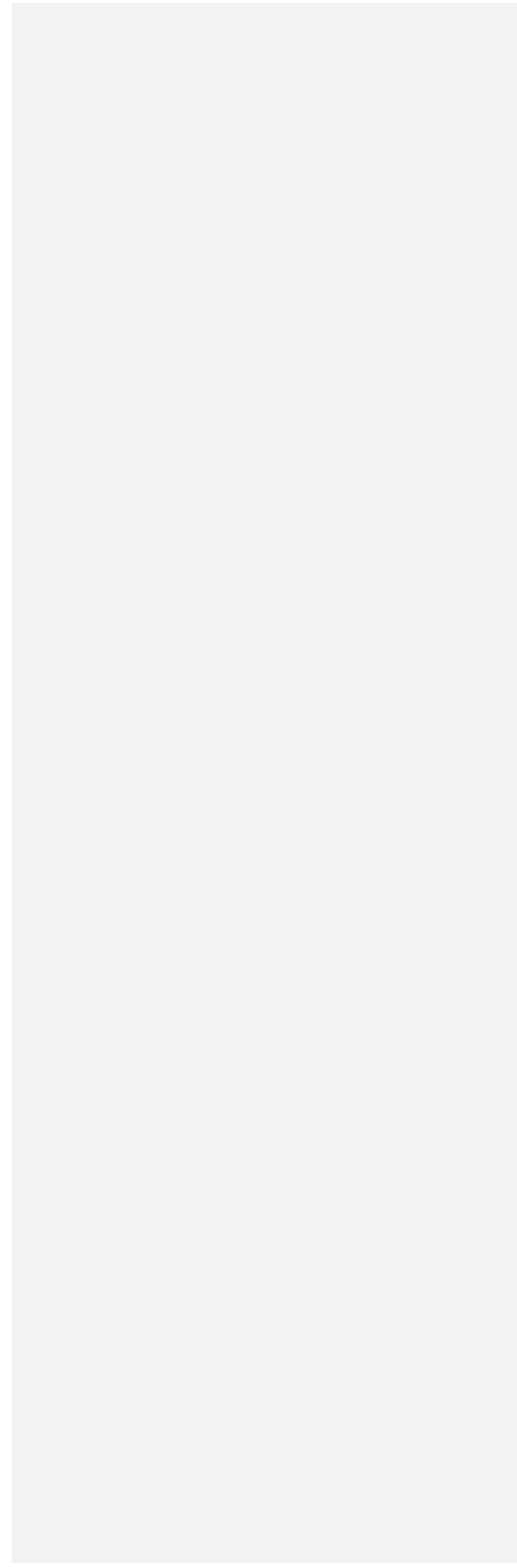
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SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines for the use of social media by constituents of the Riverside Community College District (RCCD or District), including students, faculty, administrators, classified professionals, and members of the public. These guidelines reflect the [vision, mission, and values](#) of RCCD and are intended to enhance communication and add value to the District's community.

RCCD recognizes the importance of social media as a powerful vehicle to communicate with our community, disseminate relevant news, listen to public voices, and monitor perceptions of the District and its colleges, engage with our constituents, and build goodwill.

RCCD is committed to promoting a free and open exchange of ideas. The District supports core values of free speech and academic freedom and encourages responsible use of social media in a manner that does not violate these rights.

These guidelines serve as a supplement to existing RCCD policies and regulations and should be read in conjunction with those policies. This is intended to be a living document and is reviewed and updated regularly to reflect the evolving nature of social media. Constituents are encouraged to check the RCCD website for updates. (<https://www.rccd.edu/admin/iaed/sc/disclaimer.html>)

If you have questions about this document, please contact the RCCD Executive Director, External Relations & Strategic Communications.

College Social Media Guidelines

Each college will create and publish a Social Media Guidelines with specific procedures for the development and administration of social media accounts within their college community, and will identify the individual or position at the college who is responsible for those processes. These Social Media Guidelines will use language and terminology consistent with this document.

Definitions

Social media refers to the means of interactions among people in which they create, share, and/or exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks.

Content is defined within this guide as any form of communicative material posted or exchanged via social media platforms. This includes, but is not limited to, written copy, photos, graphics, videos, live-video streams, comments, etc.

Official Social Media Accounts

The use of social media by RCCD and its colleges serves a variety of official communications, business, educational, research, service, operational, safety, marketing, and management purposes.

Official social media accounts are channels authorized to represent RCCD, its colleges, programs, departments, offices, or other official entity within RCCD. These channels and those managing or contributing to the channels are publicly perceived as authorized representatives of those entities.

The creation and administration of official social media accounts must be authorized by the District or college. To ensure proper maintenance and oversight, all official social media accounts must be managed by an RCCD employee.

Refer to each college's social media guidelines for specific procedures for creating, registering, and managing official social media accounts.

Official social media accounts must operate in accordance with all state and federal laws, District policies, regulations, and guidelines. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in revocation of social media privileges.

Student Clubs & Organizations

Student clubs & organizations are groups that are officially chartered and approved by the college or the college's Associated Students, whose active membership is limited to current students and has at least one advisor who is a current full-time faculty member. Only approved, chartered student clubs & organizations are allowed to use the college's name, logo, or brand identity.

Student clubs & organizations must abide by college and RCCD policies, regulations, and guidelines for ethical and responsible use of social media and must comply with all state and federal laws, including those related to intellectual property and copyright. Student clubs & organizations are responsible for the content of their social media accounts and must ensure that all posts and comments are respectful and adhere to appropriate standards of privacy and confidentiality.

Refer to the college's social media guidelines for specific procedures for creating, registering, and managing student clubs & organizations social media accounts. The club's faculty advisor must maintain administrative access to the club's social media accounts and is responsible for it abiding by RCCD policies and regulations.

Student clubs & organizations must ensure that their social media accounts are secure, and that usernames and passwords are protected. Any misuse or abuse of social media must be promptly reported (see the college's social media guidelines for specific procedures).

Commented [HN1]: At MVC, we don't allow new accounts to be created on behalf of the college by anyone except the web app technician. In other words, I make the accounts for them. Is this a policy that is reasonable to adopt in order to better maintain access and/or consistency? I.e. enforcing use of a shared email, already having credentials, adding it to a social media management software, requiring password changes if/when people with access leave the District or department, and so on. I can only speak on behalf of my area, but it's been a huge headache reliever to simply say no up front and walk people through everything involved in actually managing such accounts, and determine if it's actually something they care to or can do. Most end up not wanting the commitment or can't staff it.

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Commented [HN3]: Honestly, not just the faculty advisor, but I'd recommend policy be established with the help of associated students to collect this info and refer it to ESRC + college designees. Faculty can move on, forget logins, may not be especially tech savvy, and so on. Redundancy helps.

Use of District or College Identity

Only official District or college social media accounts and student clubs & organizations are authorized to use the District or college name, address, logo, seal, or identity (Board Policy 1000). The use of the District or college identity by nonofficial social media accounts is strictly prohibited.

Public Comments

Riverside Community College District welcomes the exchange of ideas and interactions made possible through social media. However, content and public comments made through any social media platform do not reflect the opinion or position of RCCD, its Board of Trustees, its colleges, students, faculty, or staff.

Links to other websites are not an endorsement from the District, colleges, or any institutional office or individual (altogether "RCCD Parties"), all of whom do not guarantee the content or validity of such sites, and users follow links at their own discretion.

Inappropriate Content

It is important to understand what is considered inappropriate content on social media, and it is essential to adhere to the guidelines set forth by RCCD to ensure responsible use.

Conducting official RCCD business on unofficial social media accounts is not authorized as an official means of communication. Instead, all official communication should be done through official social media accounts to ensure accuracy and security.

- Political activities or opinions - Official social media accounts may not be used for political activities, including, but not limited to, urging the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate. (See Board Policy 1716)
- Disclosure of confidential or privileged information - Posting confidential information, such as that which is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), or District policies, is strictly prohibited. This information should always be kept secure and not shared publicly on any social media platform.
- Violations of codes of conduct - Violating the employee or student code of conduct, such as harassing or bullying others, is not tolerated. This includes posting content that promotes discrimination, hate speech, or otherwise violates the District's harassment policy. (See Board Policy 3430)

Commented [HN4]: I'd turn this into a bulleted list to make it read easier.

- Political activities or opinions
- Disclosure of confidential or privileged information
- Violations of codes of conduct
- Disregarding copyright or intellectual property laws and policy
- Engaging on controversial topics or behaving unprofessionally

- Copyright or intellectual property laws and policy - Posting content that violates copyright policy, such as sharing copyrighted materials without permission, is also prohibited. It is essential to respect the rights of others and only share content that you have the right to use. See [Board Policy 3750](#) for use of copyrighted material.
- Engaging on controversial topics and unprofessional behavior - When posting or responding to “controversial” topics, exercise restraint and caution. Ensure that all communications reflect positively on the credibility of the institution. Contact the college’s Public Affairs Officer or the Executive Director of External Relations & Strategic Communications for assistance with communicating controversial topics.
- Spam posts/comments - all accounts should abide by each social media platform’s terms of use.

All official social media content is subject to review by District and college representatives, and, if deemed inappropriate or threatening, the District reserves the right to remove and/or report such postings to RCCD authorities who will process these communications under the appropriate codes, policies, or procedures, or through law enforcement. Comments about bullying, guns, bombs or other violent acts or language will be taken seriously.

Commented [HN5]: SPAM is not an acronym. SPAM is a brand. Spam, no capitals required, is a synonym for junk mail or unsolicited, useless posts/information.

Best Practices

When posting on social media it is important to ensure that all content is current, accurate, and respectful. The goal of social media is to add value and enhance communication, so it is important to consider the audience and think before posting.

Be Active. Official social media accounts should be checked daily, and new content posted at least once a week. Respond quickly to questions and comments.

Be Visual. Users are drawn to visually appealing posts. Be sure to highlight photos and other visual elements in posts. As much as possible, limit the amount of text on images.

Be Professional. RCCD and its colleges have developed Brand Guidelines to assist in maintaining a consistent and professional visual identity. Utilize the brand guidelines for logos, colors, and font usage.

- RCCD – rccd.edu/brand
- MVC – mvc.edu/brand
- NC – norccollege.edu/brand
- RCC – rcc.edu/brand

Additionally, the RCCD Writing Style Guide is the approved standard for public written communications.

Maintaining confidentiality when posting on social media. All information shared must comply with privacy laws and protect individuals' personal information.

Social media is public, and content should be consistent with how you wish to present yourself to colleagues, students, and community members.

Controversial Topics: When posting or responding to politically, emotionally, or socially charged topics, exercise restraint and caution. Contact the college's Public Affairs Officer or the Executive Director of External Relations & Strategic Communications to ensure that all communications reflect positively on the credibility of the institution.

Inactive Accounts: Social media accounts that are inactive for more than one year should be deleted.

Commented [HN6]: A note about security should be here, i.e. use MFA when you can, use secure passwords, change them regularly, don't share them, update credentials when individuals leave the unit, register accounts with shared emails belonging to the district, and have a plan to recover the accounts.

Commented [HN7]: I'd argue this should be something akin to "Be Recognizable" and then "Be Professional" should be about avoiding conflict of interest, writing and speaking clearly and without errors, not disclosing confidential or protected information, minimize possible damage to RCCD's reputation, etc.

Commented [HN8]: Refer to privacy policy. Additionally possibly a note about privileged information that may not be personally identifiable?