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Public Notice Policy

Antioch College supports freedom of speech and of the press as outlined in the First Amendment. Antioch College also believes that its staff, faculty, and students should abide by the Honor Code, which affirms that,

> Antioch College is a community dedicated to the search for truth, the development of individual potential, and the pursuit of social justice. In order to fulfill our objectives, freedom must be matched by responsibility. As a member of the Antioch College community, I affirm that I will be honest and respectful in all my relationships, and I will advance these standards of behavior in others.

Using the Honor Code as its guide, Comcil, a group representing the staff, faculty, and students of Antioch College has worked to develop a Public Notice Policy for the College at the request of the Dean of Community Life and Senior Leadership. The Public Notice Policy seeks to allow for the search for truth and the pursuit of social justice within a framework of honesty and respect.

The Public Notice Policy is only intended to deal with public notices posted on public space that is the property of Antioch College, a private, non-profit 501 (c) (3) educational corporation, and it should in no way infringe on or regulate issues of academic freedom, communication in electronic media, or posted notices outside the public spaces owned by Antioch College. This policy does regulate the shared spaces in residence halls, but dorm rooms and staff and faculty offices are not considered "public space" by this policy.

Posters, notices, handbills, and other literature distributed to the community at large should bear contact information, such as phone number or email. Event posters will be taken down after the event date has passed. This is primarily to ensure that interested individuals can contact the organizers of events and that posters can be taken down after the events have occurred. Public notices may be posted by individuals or Independent Groups. Individuals or groups who may not want to disclose their identity on a public notice can register their notice with Office of

Community Life as their point of contact. Due to safety issues, public notices are not permitted on entryways or doors. Use of the Antioch logo on any public notice must be approved by the Communications department.

If individuals or groups feel that posters, notices, or handbills with the proper contact information are in violation of the Antioch College Honor Code, they are encouraged to use the contact information to contact the person or group who put up the posting. Alternatively, individuals or groups may contact Community Life to arrange for an informal conversation. If the disagreement cannot be informally resolved within four days, individuals or groups may go to the Community Standards Board for a decision as to whether the poster should be taken down. Antioch College community members are asked to follow this policy with regards to posters with the correct contact information, and not to take down posters with the appropriate contact information on their own. In exceptional circumstances, posters with extreme content, such as hate speech, may be taken. In cases such as these, it is expected that a wider community discussion will ensue.

Posters, notices, and handbills that do not bear any contact information can be taken down by any member of the community.

This policy is only intended to cover postings, not "art." Individuals who object to certain works of "art" in campus public spaces are encouraged to talk to the artists involved, the Arts Faculty of the College, or to bring this issue to the Community Standards Board for a decision.