

Final Proposed Draft

BP 4035 Controversial Issues

- Reference: Board Policies BP 1200 and BP 4030
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The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (District) Governing Board recognizes that controversial issues have a legitimate role in the instructional program, and endorses the principles of academic freedom, supports the role campus Mission, Vision, and Value statements play in guiding discourse, and declares its intention to defend this freedom against attacks by those who may be alarmed by free discussion. The thoughtful consideration of such issues can help District students learn to identify important issues, explore them fully and constructively, weigh carefully the values and factors involved, and develop techniques for formulating and evaluating positions.

In the discussion of an issue, a District instructor may express their personal opinion, but shall identify it as such and must not express such opinion for the purpose of persuading students to the instructor's point of view.

The colleges may invite outside speakers representing diverse points of view; in return, they must reserve the right to impose specific conditions ensuring the centering of care for students as well as alignment with the campus Mission, Vision, and Value statements. Speakers shall be governed by the regulations of the colleges as to time, place, and manner of public presentations. Guiding Board Policies include [BP 4030 Academic Freedom](#), [BP 1200 District and College Vision, Mission, and Value Statements](#), [BP 3060 Institutional Code of Conduct](#), and [BP 3900 Speech: Time, Place, and Manner](#).