

**POLICY TYPE: Student Development & Success**

**POLICY TITLE: Student Media Board**

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Primary Administrator:	Senior Vice President of Student Development & Success
Location of Related Procedures:	Office of Senior Vice President of Student Development & Success Office of Director of Student Life

Madison Area Technical College (“Madison College”) believes in the inherent First Amendment right of students to express themselves through published artistic and editorial works, and that student media, including a student newspaper and literary journal, offer an ideal opportunity for the teaching and learning of critical thinking in a hands-on environment.

Madison College also believes that student media have a responsibility to follow media law and ethical standards as they strive to produce open, honest and fair media reports and publications. Student media must be responsive to the needs of the student body and provide a forum for as many students as possible to express their views. As such, The Clarion and the Yahara Journal and other student media outlets at Madison Area Technical College are designated as public forums. Student editors have the authority to make all content decisions without censorship or advance approval.

As students express themselves in their media outlets and exercise their right to free speech, others in the college community have the right and duty to instruct and guide them on the principles of fair news coverage, political comment and aesthetic judgment in a manner befitting the standards of the Madison College community. The Student Media Board, in cooperation with the Student Media Coordinator and student media staff, is committed to making sure these goals become realities, though it shall play no role in the day-to-day operation of the student media organizations.

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