



POLICY STATEMENT

I. Policy Statement/Purpose

Hennepin Technical College (HTC) recognizes the vital role that freedom of expression plays at an institution of higher learning and is committed to protecting that right. It acknowledges the importance of providing members of the HTC community with the opportunity to hear speakers and to be heard. The primary mission of HTC however, is to provide educational services to its student body. This policy is designed to provide for the effective and efficient use of HTC property and facilities to accomplish these goals.

II. General Principles and Information

HTC facilities are primarily designed to serve the educational functions associated with the college. HTC functions take precedence over all other uses of HTC property and facilities, and any use of campus facilities by students or recognized student groups, nonaffiliated organizations or other individuals must not interfere with the educational operations of the college.

This Policy concerns the use, subject to approval, of the following buildings and areas of campus: Brooklyn Park campus, Eden Prairie campus, and the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Education Center.

The use of HTC is controlled by System Procedure, 6.7.2 and administered by the HTC Facilities Department.

III. Definitions

For purposes of this Policy, the following definitions apply:

- A. "HTC department" means an official department within the College.
- B. "Commercial activities" means selling or offering to sell any goods or services as well as the solicitation or promotion of any goods or services.
- C. "Enrolled student" means a student enrolled in one or more classes during the academic term in which use of the facilities is sought.
- D. "Non-affiliated organization" means an organization not affiliated with the College.
- E. "Private Business Use" means activity by a nongovernmental person in a HTC facility financed with tax exempt general obligation
- F. "Recognized student group" means a student group officially recognized by the College. See Minnesota State Colleges and Universities ("Minn State") Policy 2.1.