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SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDELINES GOVERNING STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

To: Director, Bureau of Higher Education
Regional Directors
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. The following guidelines shall supplement the more general guidelines provided for in MEC Order No. 57, s. 1981, issued by this Ministry on 04 November 1981, for the purpose of providing the essentials of students' rights relative to their organizations and publications on campus and providing standards for the "reasonableness" requirement for institutional regulations contained in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the said MEC Order No. 57.

Students are expected to exercise their rights responsibly, and educational institutions encouraged to apply the standards supportively, in order that campus relationships promote both academic and civic development.

2. Relative to Student Councils.

- 2.1. In view of the desirability of activating or reviving student councils at an early date, preferably during the second semester of school year 1981-1982, tertiary educational institutions may either re-issue their regulations in force before 1972, with appropriate amendments, or promulgate new regulations.
- 2.2. Student councils shall have the right to determine their policies and programs on student activities, subject to the provisions of their recognized constitutions or charters.
- 2.3. Members of student councils shall be elected in annual popular elections.

2.4. Student councils shall have participation in the determination of school policies which directly affect students. Such participation shall not impair the authority vested by law and MEC regulations in any educational institutions.

2.5. Each institution shall make available to the student council, from fees collected for the purpose or from other appropriate funds, financing for the programs of activities of the council, in accordance with an income and expenditures budget for the semester or school year, as the case may be.

2.6. Amendments to institutional regulations governing student councils or other student organizations shall be effected with the participation of a representative of the council, subject to the same condition in 2.4 above.

2.7. Department Order No. 67, s. 1976 is hereby revoked.

3. Relative to Student Body Publications.

3.1. No individual who is not a member of the publication staff shall determine the content of the student publication. The editor and members of the staff are fully responsible for consequences arising out of publication of any editorial, comment, article, or other material.

3.2. The faculty adviser, where one is provided for, shall be limited to technical guidance.

3.3. The selection of the editor shall normally be through competitive examinations, conducted and supervised by a board of judges composed of faculty members and students. Alternative selection methods may be adopted by the institution, provided that the editor shall not be chosen on the sole or exclusive authority of school administrators. Satisfactory grades or scholarship standing may be prescribed as a pre-qualification requirement for candidates to the editorship, but academic ranking shall not thereafter be the decisive criterion except when a tie or equality obtains between or among candidates on all other criteria.

3.4. Editors as such shall enjoy security of tenure, which shall not be terminated before the lapse of the prescribed term, usually for the school year, except for cause.

- 3.5. The student paper shall be published regularly.
- 3.6. Student papers shall enjoy the right to access to institutional records unless otherwise provided by law.
- 3.7. Student publications shall be published independently by the students.
- 3.8. MEC Order No. 39, s. 1979 is hereby revoked.
4. All MEC Orders inconsistent with this Order are hereby rescinded.
5. These supplementary guidelines are hereby deemed part of the regulations promulgated by tertiary educational institutions.
6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Minister

References:

MEC Orders: (Nos. 39, s. 1979 and 57, s. 1981)
Department Order: (No. 63, s. 1976)

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