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Free Speech Compliance Report
Chapter 68, Title 33, Idaho Code**

Introduction

Idaho State University is pleased to submit this report pursuant to the Protecting Campus Free Speech in Higher Education Act. We welcome the opportunity to reaffirm ISU's commitment to free expression as a foundational principle of public higher education.

At ISU, open dialogue, civil discourse and the exchange of ideas are integral to the scholarship, innovation and personal growth of our students. Freedom of speech is fundamental to our identity and mission. We are proud to foster a campus environment where diverse perspectives can be shared thoughtfully, respectfully and without fear of censorship based on content or viewpoint.

Policy and Practice (IC § 33-6804 and § 33-6805)

ISU's policy *Use of University Space for Expressive Activity* ([ISUPP 11010](#)) explicitly encourages the use of our campuses and ensures broad access to space for peaceful and lawful expression. Outdoor areas of campus are generally open for expressive activity without prior reservation to both members of the campus community and people unaffiliated with the University, including demonstrations, literature distribution, petitions and speakers. This approach protects spontaneous expression and avoids restrictions such as designated "free speech zones."

Reasonable rules regarding time, place and manner are enforced only as needed to protect safety, avoid disruption of university operations and maintain access to facilities. These rules are applied consistently and without regard to the content or viewpoint of the expression involved. Activities that constitute unprotected speech under established law or that materially interfere with the ISU's ability to function may be subject to standard restrictions. Security fees are not charged to event speakers based on content or anticipated reaction to expression, but rather objective and credible evidence related to specific risks of the event under ISUPP 11010(VI)

Student on Student harassment is prohibited under [ISUPP 5000\(V\)\(M\)](#), and sexual harassment is prohibited under [ISUPP 3100](#).

Transparency and Education (IC § 33-6806)

Information about student and public expressive rights is posted online at [ISU's "Student Expression" web page](#) and included in campus communications so participants clearly understand how to engage in expressive activity at ISU. These resources reinforce that ISU encourages expression and explain how to exercise those rights responsibly. Information included on that web page includes discussion of the First Amendment, links and discussion regarding ISU policies and expectations regarding free expression on campus, including what responsibilities students have regarding the Student Code of Conduct.

Oversight and Reporting

Oversight of ISU's expressive activity policy and compliance is carried out by the Vice President for Operations, Brian Sagendorf (briansagendorf@isu.edu / (208) 282-3343). As of the date of this report, ISU has not received any formal complaints alleging a violation of protected expressive rights under the Protecting Campus Free Speech in Higher Education Act. Should such a complaint be filed, ISU will promptly submit a supplemental report within the 30-day timeframe required by the law.

Conclusion

ISU is committed to ensuring our campuses remain welcoming places for robust debate and open inquiry. We value the opportunity to demonstrate both our compliance with the Protecting Campus Free Speech in Higher Education Act and our dedication to the fundamental democratic principles the law seeks to protect. ISU will continue to support free speech as an essential component of academic and civic life and will ensure our policies, practices and culture remain aligned with that commitment.

Thank you for your stewardship of Idaho's higher education system and for your partnership in supporting student success across the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "RSargent", with a stylized, cursive script.

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