

SB40 Report Regarding Freedom of Expression on COTC's Campuses

1. No barriers to or incidents of disruption of free expression, including attempts to block speakers and any investigation of students or student groups on the basis of expression, are present on any of COTC's campuses.
2. COTC welcomes diverse beliefs, and values academic freedom and the open exchange and expression of thoughts, opinions and ideas. COTC considers freedom of expression an indispensable quality of college life, and that active participation in political and social expression both enhances the education of the individual and contributes to the betterment of society. The college is committed to respecting and promoting the rights afforded by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, including the right to free speech, petition, and assembly. COTC's Freedom of Expression policy documents the college's commitment to protecting free speech. This policy has been distributed to all college personnel, including administrators, campus police officers, and professors. Additionally, this policy and associated procedures are publicly available on the college's website. Students are made aware of these policies, regulations and expectations of students in orientation programs for students.

The proceeding report was provided to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and the president of the senate on April 1, 2021, in compliance with 3345.0214.