

**Questions to answer in policy development:**

Given the importance of operating student media as designated public forums by policy or practice, here are some things to consider:

- What is the mission of your student media? Thorough, accurate and complete reporting on issues and events of importance to your audiences?
- What is the role of your media? How will your media demonstrate civic responsibility and showcase student learning? What is your responsibility to your audience? To the concept of democracy and the public's right to know?
- What type of forum do you want to be (closed, limited or open) and which model brings the best informational and educational benefits to you and your audience?
- Who makes final decisions of content and how does that define responsibility?
- Will students agree not to print unprotected speech? Why is this important?
- What is the role – and the rights – of the adviser? The student staff? The administration?
- What is the best way to establish accurate and thorough reporting and information-gathering practices?
- What is the best way to establish policies and practices that demonstrate journalistically responsible standards?
- What is the best way to know what thorough and professional reporting requires?