

**RULES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA**

**CHAPTER 1720-2-9
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS: EDITORS AND STAFF MEMBERS**

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1720-2-9-.01 ELIGIBILITY.

- (1) Student editors and staff members who receive stipends must have an overall grade point average of at least 2.0 average for each term of their tenures in office.
- (2) Editors and staff members who receive stipends from one publication may not serve in other student leadership positions carrying stipends or in positions on other publications which carry stipends,
- (3) Nominees for editorship of the major publications shall be at least of sophomore standing by the end of the semester in which they are nominated.
- (4) Staff members holding non-stipend positions who are placed on academic or disciplinary probation cannot continue to serve without approval of the Dean of Students.
- (5) Editors of staff members receiving stipends must be a full-time student at UTC carrying at least 12 credit hours except for a second semester senior who lacks less than 12 hours in fulfilling his degree requirements.
- (6) The term of office for editors of the Echo and Sequoya Review begins at the close of the spring semester and ends at the close of the spring semester in the following year.
- (7) By two-thirds vote of those present, the Publications Board, when necessity clearly requires it to do so, can suspend any of the foregoing stipulations.

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1720-2-9-.02 SELECTION.

- (1) After advertising the positions on campus, applications for the positions of editors will be accepted by the Publications Board. The Board will select editors of the two student publications subject to the approval of the Chancellor.
- (2) Staff appointments to positions carrying stipends are subject to approval of the Board.

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1720-2-9-.03 REMOVAL.

- (1) As the agency involved in the appointment of editors, the Publications Board is empowered to remove editors from office for cause, including negligence, malfeasance, or violations of provisions of this manual. Suspension or removal may be initiated by the Advisory Committee, a petition containing signature of one-third the number of voters that voted in the last regularly held SGA Spring election, or the Publication Board itself. In extraordinary cases involving the ultimate welfare and responsibility of the University, the Chancellor will remove an editor.
- (2) The Publications Board will hear cases which might result in suspension or removal of an editor, insuring that the rights of the accused are respected in such hearings and that due process is maintained. Either the plaintiff or defendant in such cases may appeal the Board's decision to the Chancellor.
- (3) The Board serves as an appellate body for suspension or other disciplinary actions taken by an editor against members of his staff. Either party may further appeal the Board's decision to the Chancellor.
- (4) Administrative Sanctions. The Publications Board may impose the following sanctions upon guilty parties in cases involving violations of this Manual. All such sanctions are automatically reviewed by the Chancellor.
 - (a) Removal from office: to be utilized only in the most serious and flagrant violations in office.
 - (b) Suspension: temporary removal from office as a result of serious violations in office.
 - (c) Loss of stipend: this action accompanies removal or suspension. Imposition of this penalty requires the guilty party to reimburse the University for the amount of the stipend received, less credit for the prorated amount representing time served in the office.
 - (d) Censure: the Board may utilize public censure alone or in conjunction with another disciplinary measure.
 - (e) Reprimand: the Board may utilize a direct, oral reprimand or a written reprimand.
- (5) Staff members holding non-stipend positions who are placed on academic or disciplinary probation cannot continue to serve without approval of the Dean of Students.
- (6) Editors may remove or suspend staff members for cause, but are required to notify the staff members in writing of the cause for their removal and of their right appeal to the Publications Board, such appeal to be initiated within ten class days of notification.

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1720-2-9-.04 CHANCELLOR'S AUTHORITY. As a representative of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees, the Chancellor is responsible to the Board for all student publications. At the authorization of the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor established a Publications Board which assists in the conduct of student publications activities at the University. Editors are, in turn, responsible to the Publications Board. No action of the Publications

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Board becomes an official action of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, however, until approved by the Chancellor. This includes disciplinary action, for which the Chancellor is the final appellate authority.

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