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Mr. Corey Friedman
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Dear Mr. Friedman:

I am in receipt of your e-mail to me and Dr. Chew of August 25, 2009. Thank you for your expression of concern.

Please rest assured that Craven Community College is committed to the principles of free speech, as well as to the health, safety and welfare of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

The College's current policy is carefully founded upon a historical basis for regulating tobacco products, the Master Settlement Agreement of which North Carolina is a settling state, the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund, and the regulatory grid to which tobacco products and smoking are currently subject.

As a practical matter, there is no controversy here, inasmuch as the campus publications do not accept advertising from any source and are not published by reliance upon advertising revenues. These practices are unlikely to change in the foreseeable future.

We will certainly take your comments under advisement and should circumstances change, due consideration will be given to your points if the policy is re-evaluated. We trust that this responds to your concerns and appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

Kathy Beal
Vice President

CC: Catherine Chew, President, Craven Community College

DRAFT CLAUSE IN CAMPUS COMMUNICATOR OPERATING POLICIES

9. The Campus Communicator will accept advertisements of products that comply with CCC school policies, and in any event will not accept advertisements of any illegal product. The Campus Communicator will use an advertising contract developed by College Counsel.